

Quality of Teaching and its Evaluation: One of the Pillars of a Modern University

Date: November 16, 2016

Venue: Charles University, Modrá Posluchárna, Celetná 20, Prague 1

The main topic of the conference is “quality of teaching and its evaluation”. At present, quality assurance of higher education system and internal evaluation at the university level are most topical issues in the Czech Republic. In a short three-year period all Czech higher education institutions are compelled to implement conceptual changes brought by the amendment to the higher education act which came into force on 1st September this year. In this respect, the Czech legislation follows wider European trend responding to ever-increasing demands on the quality of university education. The aim of the conference is to offer an opportunity to share and analyse national as well as international experiences, best practices and trends.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

8.00 – 9.00 REGISTRATION

9.00 – 9.15 WELCOME ADDRESSES

Speakers: *Radka Wildová*, Charles University, Vice-Rector for Strategy and Quality of Education

Milena Králíčková, Charles University, Vice-Rector for Education

9.15 – 10.00 SESSION I

Amendment to the Czech Higher Education Act and its impact on education at Charles University

Chair: *Radka Wildová*

Speaker: *Stanislav Labík*, National Accreditation Council of the Czech Republic, President

10.00 – 10.30 COFFEE BREAK

10.30 – 12.00 SESSION II

University education and internal quality assurance systems

Chair: *Radka Wildová*

Speakers: **a) International Experience**

Jaakko Kurhila, University of Helsinki, Open University: *Quality means avoiding irrelevance in higher education*

Discussion

b) Charles University: the state of arts

Vojtěch Tomášek, Charles University, Rectorate, Accreditation Unit

Věra Šťastná, Charles University, Rectorate, Analytical and Strategic Unit

Discussion

12.00 – 13.00 LUNCH BREAK

13.00 – 14.30 SESSION III

Open Education – New trends and opportunities in higher education

Chair: *Jitka Feberová*

Speakers: **a) Creation of Open Educational Resources at Charles University**

Jitka Feberová and *Igor Červený*, Charles University, Central University Library

Discussion

b) How to improve the quality of theses?

Goa Borrek, Turnitin, Utrecht, Netherlands

Discussion

14.30 – 14.45 COFFEE BREAK

14.45 – 16.15 SESSION IV

Current trends in education

Chair: *Milena Králíčková*

Speakers: **a) Higher education pedagogy and didactics**

Sarah Leupen, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, visiting professor at Charles University, certified lecturer for student-centred learning and team-based learning methods

Discussion

b) Best practice at Charles University

Mikuláš Mlček, First Faculty of Medicine, laureates of *Arnošt z Pardubic Award for outstanding achievement in teaching* for the year 2016

Discussion

16.15 – 16.30 CLOSING REMARKS