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## A Word from the Rector

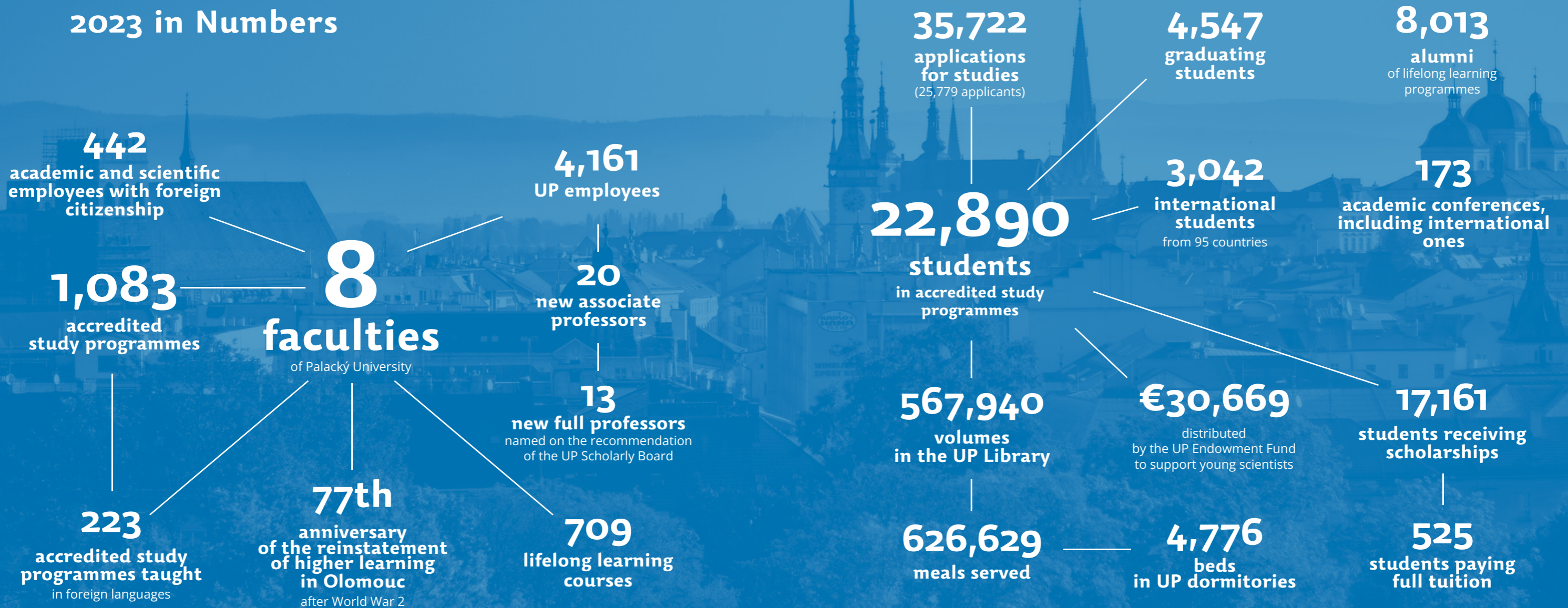
**W**e've successfully managed another year, and again we have proven that Palacký University Olomouc is rightly considered one of the most important institutions in the Czech Republic – one which is dedicated to educating students, conducting academic and scientific research, and at the same time fulfilling its third mission in working for the benefit of society as a whole. In 2023, we were highly visible due to the 450th jubilee of higher education in Olomouc, for which we prepared a number of events for students, employees, alumni, partners, and the general public. We showed how proud we are of our alma mater, the second oldest university in the country. During the celebrations, we showed Palacký University to be an institution at

once traditional, but at the same time multifaceted and living, brimming with the talented people who make up our large academic family. We were able to bring many prominent personalities to Olomouc, awarding them honorary doctorates, hosting the ceremonial start of the academic year with the Czech Rectors' Convention, and welcoming the Aurora Alliance university presidents. And we had the wonderful opportunity to present the past and present of our university to our partners in the Bohemian National Hall in New York City. That demanding year is now behind us, but it was one which brought new experiences, so many interesting meetings, and opportunities for expanding our activities. It was truly a successful year for Palacký University Olomouc.

**MARTIN PROCHÁZKA**  
Rector, Palacký University Olomouc



## 2023 in Numbers





**Applicants,  
Students,  
Alumni**

# Applicants for study

Open Days, college fairs, roadshows at secondary schools, and the University Town web platform ([univerzitnimesto.cz](http://univerzitnimesto.cz)) are the mainstays of UP's applicant campaign. In the 2022/2023 academic year, UP registered 36 thousand e-applications, the most ever.

## Record number of e-applications

In 2023, UP received a total 35,722 e-applications for study from almost 26 thousand applicants, yet another increase from the previous year, and the highest number of applications in its history.



↑ The Gaudeamus college fair in Brno was visited by 28,000 prospective uni applicants.

## College fairs and road shows pulled them in

UP had presentations at the Gaudeamus college fairs in Brno (CZ), and Bratislava, Nitra, and Košice (SK). The Marketing Office with faculty ambassadors took part in six Which University is For You? roadshows and 60 presentations at secondary schools. UP reached over 87,000 people in total at the events.



↑ The university also presented itself at the Gaudeamus college fair in Prague.

## Two Open Days

The December and January Open Days were attended by 12,000 visitors. There were accompanying programmes, and the UP Library, Canteen, and UPoint all welcomed visitors.



## Innovations in studies

The Faculty of Arts opened new study programmes in Korean for Business, English for Interpreting and Translation, Art History and Heritage Conservation, and Archaeology in Practice. The Faculty of Education is offering new programmes in Special Education with new focuses: Drama Therapy and Kindergarten Education; and the Faculty of Science is now offering Bioanalytic Laboratory Diagnostics in Health Care and Experimental Biology.



↑ UP's Open Days were attended by 12,000 visitors.

## Still huge interest from Ukrainians

UP received applications from 446 persons with Ukrainian citizenship, which was 133 less than in 2022, but still 250% more than the average in the period before the Russian invasion of Ukraine. ■

## Students

In 2023, UP had 1,083 accredited study programmes, 223 conducted in languages other than Czech. It had a total of 22,890 students, with the largest numbers registered in the Faculties of Arts, Education, and Science. It had 8,195 new enrolments.

### UPlikace mobile app now shows library loans

UP's UPlikace mobile studies app, used by over 20,000 UP students and academics, has had a major upgrade. In addition to new sections for prospective students and current students, student users can now view a list of their library reservations and books on loan, plus evaluate their courses anonymously.

### Rector awarded publications and athletes

Rector Martin Procházka awarded a total of 66 prizes for student work and honourable mentions for academic monographs, as well as prizes for the best student athletes.

### Literary prize recognised talent

For the twenty-ninth time, students submitted texts to the UP Rector's literary competition. The jury evaluated 102 entries. First place in the short story category went to Filip Pecka and Hana Tymlová, second place to Kamila Zimová, and third to Žofie Křížková. The winner of the poetry category was Matěj Kulišťák, second place went to Darja Dočekalová, and third place to Tereza Benedová.



↑ The UP Rector awarded 66 prizes for student work, faculty publications, and student sporting achievements.



↑ The UP Rector annually gives awards for students' creative writing.

### UP supports voluntary blood drive

Seventy-eight donors took part in the Donate Blood with the Rector! challenge at the Transfusion Department of University Hospital Olomouc. The UP blood donation competition between faculties was success-

fully defended by last year's winner, the Faculty of Science. In 2023, UP students and employees made a total of 790 donations. ■



↑ UP students and employees donated blood 790 times in 2023.

## Alumni

### Alumni Club has over 13,000 members

The UP Alumni Club has 13,660 members. Alumni who become members can take advantage of a number of benefits, especially reduced prices on goods and services, and a special communication channel from their alma mater.

### Alumni meetings took place during celebrations

An alumni meeting took place on the occasion of the Olomouc university's 450th jubilee celebrations, which was scheduled to connect to European Heritage Days. Faculties also welcomed their alumni back.

### Gold and diamond reunions

The Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry organised the Radicés/Roots meeting and a diamond graduation. The Faculties of Arts, Medicine & Dentistry, and Education prepared gold graduation ceremonies. A silver graduation ceremony took place at the Faculty of Law.

### One thousand U3A graduates

One thousand sixty-nine participants have successfully completed the University of the Third Age (U3A). It is the oldest U3A in the Czech Republic, with branches in Uherské Hradiště, Valašské Meziříčí, Vyškov, and Šternberk. ■



↑ UP prepared a gala Alumni Meeting.



↑ The Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry held Diamond and Gold Reunions.



INTEREST IN STUDY (NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS, ADMITTED STUDENTS, AND ENROLMENTS)													
Palacký University Olomouc		Bachelor's study (BA)			Master's study (MA)			Continuing Master's study (MA)			Doctoral study (PhD)		
ISCED-Fields of education	Code	Number of applications	Number of admitted stud.	Number of enrolments	Number of applications	Number of admitted stud.	Number of enrolments	Number of applications	Number of admitted stud.	Number of enrolments	Number of applications	Number of admitted stud.	Number of enrolments
		<b>FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY</b>		0	0	0	4,588	767	473	65	32	26	94
Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics	05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Health and welfare	09	0	0	0	4,588	767	473	65	32	26	93	72	67
<b>FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES</b>		2,356	465	314	0	0	0	406	153	107	18	13	13
Health and welfare	09	2,356	465	314	0	0	0	406	153	107	18	13	13
<b>FACULTY OF ARTS</b>		6,872	1,945	1,482	0	0	0	1,419	540	446	80	31	31
Education	01	217	69	59	0	0	0	116	59	53	1	0	0
Arts and humanities	02	3,310	1,397	1,031	0	0	0	610	289	243	52	25	25
Social sciences, journalism, information sciences	03	2,966	434	352	0	0	0	693	192	150	27	6	6
Business, administration and law	04	379	45	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>FACULTY OF LAW</b>		380	142	59	1,632	601	341	52	28	25	32	17	15
Business, administration and law	04	380	142	59	1,632	601	341	52	28	25	32	17	15
<b>STS CYRIL AND METHODIUS FACULTY OF THEOLOGY</b>		1,224	437	407	17	14	11	507	194	159	25	11	10
Education	01	15	13	11	0	0	0	6	3	1	0	0	0
Arts and humanities	02	440	162	149	17	14	11	23	15	14	8	4	4
Health and welfare	09	769	262	247	0	0	0	478	176	144	17	7	6

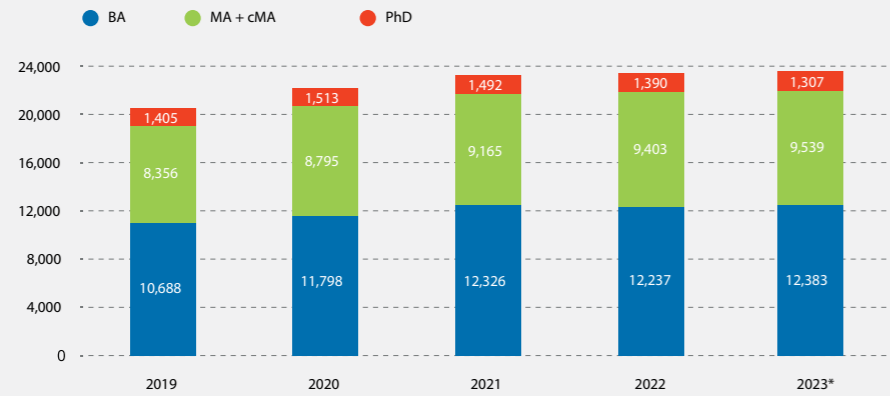
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		<b>FACULTY OF SCIENCE</b>		4,025	1,738	1,336	0	0	0	1,494	486	427	78
Education	01	855	371	291	0	0	0	188	110	98	5	3	2
Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics	05	2,513	1,072	784	0	0	0	1,221	336	291	70	52	45
Information and communication technologies	06	528	260	230	0	0	0	70	32	30	1	1	1
Engineering, manufacturing and construction	07	23	12	10	0	0	0	3	1	1	2	2	2
Health and welfare	09	106	23	21	0	0	0	12	7	7	0	0	0
<b>FACULTY OF EDUCATION</b>		5,202	1,173	892	1,166	215	183	1,713	757	605	47	24	23
Education	01	4,885	1,070	821	903	195	163	1,609	708	573	47	24	23
Arts and humanities	05	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	2	0	0	0
Health and welfare	09	317	103	71	263	20	20	100	47	30	0	0	0
<b>FACULTY OF PHYSICAL CULTURE</b>		1,643	574	406	0	0	0	574	333	276	13	9	9
Education	01	1,038	426	295	0	0	0	289	188	152	0	0	0
Health and welfare	09	562	128	92	0	0	0	139	32	28	0	0	0
Services	10	43	20	19	0	0	0	146	113	96	13	9	9
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>21,702</b>	<b>6,474</b>	<b>4,896</b>	<b>7,403</b>	<b>1,597</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>6,230</b>	<b>2,523</b>	<b>2,071</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>220</b>

ACCREDITED STUDY PROGRAMMES (NUMBERS)										
Palacký University Olomouc		Bachelor's study (BA)		Master's study (MA)		Continuing Master's study (MA)		Doctoral study (PhD)		TOTAL
ISCED-Fields of education	Code	FT*	C/D**	FT	C/D	FT	C/D	FT	C/D	
<b>FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY</b>										
		0	0	6	0	1	1	80	74	<b>162</b>
Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics	05	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	<b>4</b>
Health and welfare	09	0	0	6	0	1	1	78	72	<b>158</b>
<b>FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES</b>										
		12	6	0	0	7	6	3	3	<b>37</b>
Health and welfare	09	12	6	0	0	7	6	3	3	<b>37</b>
<b>FACULTY OF ARTS</b>										
		79	17	0	0	55	13	60	60	<b>284</b>
Education	01	3	3	0	0	4	3	5	5	<b>23</b>
Arts and humanities	02	61	7	0	0	38	6	36	36	<b>184</b>
Social sciences, journalism and information	03	14	7	0	0	13	3	18	18	<b>73</b>
Business, administration and law	04	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	<b>4</b>
<b>FACULTY OF LAW</b>										
		2	0	2	0	4	0	7	6	<b>21</b>
Social sciences, journalism and information	03	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Business, administration and law	04	2	0	2	0	3	0	7	6	<b>20</b>
<b>STS CYRIL AND METHODIUS FACULTY OF THEOLOGY</b>										
		8	10	3	0	6	9	8	9	<b>53</b>
Education	01	1	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	<b>8</b>
Arts and humanities	02	3	4	3	0	2	3	5	6	<b>26</b>
Social sciences, journalism and information	03	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	<b>2</b>
Health and welfare	09	4	3	0	0	3	3	2	2	<b>17</b>

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<b>FACULTY OF SCIENCE</b>										
		57	11	0	0	73	10	68	66	<b>285</b>
Education	01	9	3	0	0	13	5	5	5	<b>40</b>
Social sciences, journalism and information	03	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	2	<b>9</b>
Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics	05	39	4	0	0	49	4	55	53	<b>204</b>
Information and communication technologies	06	5	3	0	0	5	0	4	4	<b>21</b>
Engineering, manufacturing and construction	07	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	<b>7</b>
Health and welfare	09	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
<b>FACULTY OF EDUCATION</b>										
		35	27	8	8	38	30	23	23	<b>192</b>
Education	01	30	23	7	7	34	26	22	22	<b>171</b>
Arts and humanities	02	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	<b>5</b>
Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics	05	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
Health and welfare	09	3	3	1	1	3	3	0	0	<b>14</b>
<b>FACULTY OF PHYSICAL CULTURE</b>										
		9	8	0	0	12	10	5	5	<b>49</b>
Education	01	4	4	0	0	5	5	0	0	<b>18</b>
Health and welfare	09	4	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	<b>9</b>
Services	10	1	2	0	0	4	5	5	5	<b>22</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>202</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>1,083</b>

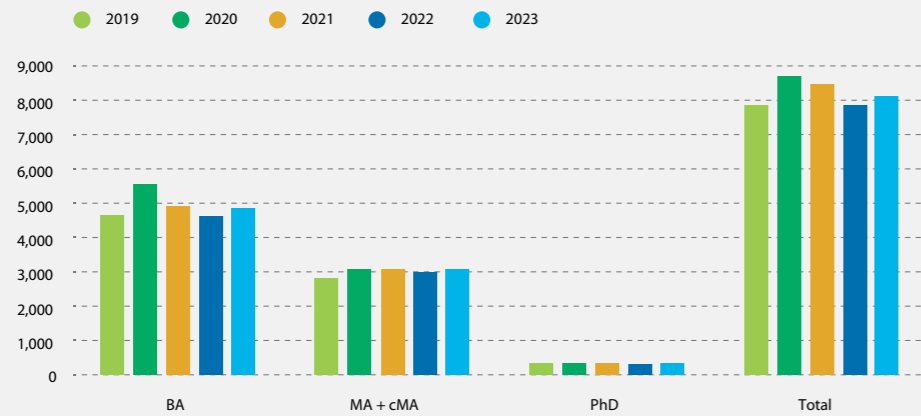
\* FT = Full-time, \*\* C/D = Combined/Distance

TOTAL NUMBERS OF STUDENTS



\* In 2023, a total of 22,890 students were enrolled in a total of 23,229 individual study programmes, studied at one of the 1083 programmes at UP, out of which 53% were Bachelor's degree students, 41% were Master's degree students, and 6% were doctoral students. A total of 25,139 students (including those on long-term foreign stays and life-long learners) attended UP.

NUMBER OF ENROLLED STUDENTS



GRADUATES OF ACCREDITED STUDY PROGRAMMES (NUMBERS)

Palacký University Olomouc	ISCED-Fields of education	Code	Bachelor's study (BA)		Master's study (MA)		Continuing Master's study (MA)		Doctoral study (PhD)		TOTAL
			FT*	C/D**	FT	C/D	FT	C/D	FT	C/D	
Education	01	605	191	109	34	344	237	11	4	1,535	
Arts and humanities	02	333	93	5	0	150	29	17	6	633	
Social sciences, journalism, information sciences	03	167	60	0	0	117	39	3	0	386	
Business, administration and law	04	53	0	144	0	2	0	7	2	208	
Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics	05	305	6	0	0	196	10	29	3	549	
Information and communication technologies	06	42	9	0	0	23	0	2	0	76	
Engineering, manufacturing and construction	07	2	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	9	
Health and welfare	09	356	106	296	0	122	137	26	17	1,060	
Services	10	26	8	0	0	12	36	7	2	91	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,889</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4,547</b>	

\* FT: Full-time, \*\* C/D: Combined/Distance



## Endowment Fund, Career Centre

## UP Endowment Fund supports young talents

To have an internship at globally renowned scientific centres, to conduct research at prestigious foreign universities, the possibility of managing your own project, the opportunity to try working in international teams – all these can be experienced by students whose projects are supported by the **UP Endowment Fund (UP EF)**.

The UP EF not only supports top-notch international activities of UP students in science, research, and the arts by means of a financial contribution which can be used to cover travel costs or the purchase of research equipment, but also teaches scholarship holders how to develop skills in science popularisation and media coverage. Students can receive up to €8000 for their projects.



↗ In 2023, nine students received support from the UP EF, with their contracts signed by UP Rector.

### Support for more talents

In 2023, nine students from the UP Faculties of Health Sciences and Physical Culture, plus the Faculties of Science, Medicine & Dentistry, and Theology received support from the UP EF for their science research. The fund distributed €30,725 among them.

### Palacký donates opportunity

The UP EF's general partner is Komerční banka (Commercial Bank); newly also SIGMA DIZ, Veolia Energie, and the Morávek Family Foundation gave support. The fund also appreciated donations by other donors such as students, employees, alumni, as well as many personalities from the world of science and beyond. The fund continued its Donate Opportunity campaign aimed at UP alumni and supporters of the university. Young scientists and artists can be supported via the UP EF's [website](#). ■

#### MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE UP EF IN 2023:

- Introducing scholarship holders at Academia Film Olomouc
- Direct support for scholarship holders thanks to cooperation with the Talented Palacký project
- Organising an Advent meeting of supported students and donors with the Rector



↗ The UP Career Centre helps UP students as well as graduates and employees increase their employability in the labour market.

## UP Career Centre

The UP Career Centre provides students with consultations in the area of career advice, coaching, developmental courses, educational lectures, trainings, and workshops, meetings with employers, conferences, online counselling, webinars, and other activities aimed at increasing the employability of alumni in the labour market. It helps students find temporary jobs and internships. It helps graduates to find employment, organising an annual job fair. It also informs students of other counselling centres which are operating at individual UP faculties. In addition, it offers collaboration opportunities to organisations and employers throughout the Czech Republic. It was founded in 2015. ■

#### UP CAREER CENTRE IN 2023:

- listed 2365 students, held 34 educational events
- provided individual career counselling/coaching to 543 students and alumni
- organised Mindfulness, Wellbeing, DigiUP, and Pick a Proper Profile Photo courses
- promoted the possibility of advertising job positions, internships, and volunteer opportunities at [karierni-centrum.upol.cz](http://karierni-centrum.upol.cz)
- was in contact with 935 employers
- collaborated with Fort Science on a system of student scholarships and with the UP Endowment Fund on workshops dedicated to presentation and popularisation of science and research findings



← The opening of the exhibition "The Temple of Wisdom" dedicated to UP's history

## 450th Anniversary

### Palacký University celebrated an important jubilee

Olomouc's university has been contributing to the intellectual, scientific, cultural, and social development of society for 450 years. Its development over the course of four centuries has reflected important historical milestones: the Thirty Years' War, the revolution of 1848, the Nazi Occupation, and the student demonstrations of 1939 and 1989. UP has overcome repeated adversity with strength of spirit and with faith in the purpose of academia and education, as well as values near and dear to the legacy of František Palacký, in whose honour the university was renamed in the 20th century. During the year 2023, UP celebrated its jubilee with a series of events commemorating, among other things, the fact that on 22 December 1573, Emperor Maximilian II granted the Olomouc Jesuit College the rights of a higher learning establishment.

**Exhibitions in the USA**

UP presented its long history not only in the Czech Republic but also abroad. In the USA, it held an exhibition at the National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids, while in New York, a gala night was held at the Czech Center, where pianist David Kalhous played and the guests included surgeon Bohdan Pomahač, an alumnus of Olomouc's medical faculty.



↑ The Czech Center in New York hosted a gala night with guests such as surgeon Bohdan Pomahač.

**Charters, maces, paintings**

The university unveiled its origins at two exhibitions in the Regional Museum in Olomouc: "The Temple of Wisdom – The Jesuit University in Olomouc 1573–1773", and "The Symbols of Wisdom – Thirteen Maces of the University of Olomouc". The former featured Baroque portraits of the founders of the university and the original founding charter signed by the Emperor, while the latter presented thirteen historical maces. In addition, the UP Faculty of Theology restored and displayed 22 historical framed portraits of popes, emperors, and bishops who contributed to the development of the university.



↑ The university unveiled its origins at exhibitions in the Regional Museum in Olomouc.

**Premiere of the Templum Honoris suite**

The symbolic highlight of the celebration of the anniversary of UP's foundation was part of the gala night on 17 November at the Moravian Philharmonic Hall in Olomouc, where the premiere of the Templum Honoris suite, a four-movement composition by composers associated with UP, took place.

**František Palacký's birthday**

Fort Science hosted the event Happy Birthday, Palacký!, commemorating the 225th anniversary of the birth of historian and writer František Palacký with a lecture, an interactive exhibition, a podcast, presentations by student clubs, and even a cake.



↑ The Templum Honoris suite had its premiere at the Moravian Philharmonic Hall in Olomouc.

**UP captured in a book, AFO, and on live TV**

The four and a half centuries of the university's existence are described in detail in the publication *University in Olomouc 1573–2023*, prepared by the UP Press in Czech, English, and German versions. The university was also featured on Czech Television, broadcasting live from Olomouc and covering not only the celebrations but also other university topics. Nor was the anniversary neglected by the AFO documentary film festival, which had a section dedicated to the 450th anniversary and held a historical LARP (Olomouc 1642 live action role-playing game). The university, through its UPoint shop, offered a limited edition of tourist wooden stamps depicting the rector's mace to mark the anniversary. ■



↑ The birthplace of František Palacký in Hodslavice



← Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry's Dean's Inauguration in the Archbishop's Palace

## Changes in Leadership and New Professors

### Two deans re-elected

Changes in the dean's position at two UP faculties were among the most watched events of 2023. Fourteen new professors and 20 new associate professors are associated with UP.



### Rector appoints two new deans

In June, a newly-elected dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry was inaugurated, who will lead the faculty until 2027. A new dean of the Faculty of Law was elected at the end of October and will lead the faculty from January 2024 to 2028.



↑ UP FMD Dean Milan Kolář (left) and Rector Martin Procházka (centre)

### Milan Kolář Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

Professor of Medical Microbiology, head of the Microbiology Department at UP FMD and University Hospital Olomouc, former dean of UP FMD from 2011–2019. He focusses on antibiotic treatment of bacterial diseases and the problem of bacterial resistance.



### Václav Stehlík Dean of the Faculty of Law

He worked in the UP FL Department of International and European Law, which he headed from 2014 until his election as dean in 2020. In addition to Law, he studied English Language and Literature at the UP Faculty of Arts, and later received his LL.M. from the University of London.



**UP DEANS IN 2023:**

- Sts Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology: doc. Mgr. et Mgr. Vít Hušek, Th.D.
- Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry: prof. MUDr. Josef Zdražil, CSc., prof. MUDr. Milan Kolář, Ph.D.
- Faculty of Arts: doc. Mgr. Jan Stejskal, M.A., Ph.D.
- Faculty of Science: doc. RNDr. Martin Kubala, Ph.D.
- Faculty of Education: doc. PhDr. Vojtech Regec, Ph.D.
- Faculty of Physical Culture: Mgr. Michal Šafář, Ph.D.
- Faculty of Law: doc. JUDr. Václav Stehlík, LL.M. Ph.D.
- Faculty of Health Sciences: Mgr. Jiří Vévoda, Ph.D.

**New UP professors**

In 2023 the UP Scholarly Board nominated 13 new professors, and in total 14 new professors associated with UP were appointed. In June the President of the Czech Republic, on the recommendations of the UP Scholarly Board, handed appointment decrees to the following new full professors: Petr Barták, Pavel Pospíšil, Vladimír Remeš, Kamil Kopecký, and Radek Vodička. In December, seven other people at UP were made full professors: Kateřina Menšíková, Jiří Minařík, Karel Krejčí, Ondřej Urban, Jana Pelclová, Jan Švec, and Daniel Nemrava. Also made full professors on the recommendation of the UP Scholarly Board were David Lukáš from the Technical University of Liberec and Vítězslav Straňák from the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice.

**prof. RNDr. Petr Barták, Ph.D.  
UP Faculty of Science**

He works at the UP FS Department of Analytical Chemistry. He focusses on research and development of innovative analytical methods for analysing organic substances. He was nominated on the recommendation of the UP Scholarly Board in the field of Analytical Chemistry.

**prof. Mgr. Kamil Kopecký, Ph.D.  
UP Faculty of Education**

He works at the UP FA Department of Czech Language and Literature, in the Centre for the Prevention of Risky Virtual Communication, and in the Digidoupě (Digital Den). He is also a security research expert for the Czech Ministry of the Interior. He was nominated on the recommendation of the UP Scholarly Board in the field of Education.

**prof. MUDr. Karel Krejčí, Ph.D.  
UP Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry**

He has been working since 1994 at the UP FMD Department of Internal Medicine III – Nephrology, Rheumatology and Endocrinology, and University Hospital Olomouc. He specialises in kidney transplantation. He was nominated on the recommendation of the UP Scholarly Board in the field of Internal Diseases.

**prof. RNDr. David Lukáš, CSc.  
Technical University of Liberec**

He works at the Faculty of Science, Humanities, and Education at the Technical University of Liberec (TUL). From 1997–2002 he was rector of TUL. He was nominated on the recommendation of the UP Scholarly Board in the field of Biophysics.

**prof. MUDr. Kateřina Menšíková, Ph.D.  
UP Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry**

She works at the UP FMD Department of Neurology and University Hospital Olomouc. She is the head of the outpatient ward of the Centre for Diagnosis and Treatment of Neurodegenerative Diseases. She was nominated on the recommendation of the UP Scholarly Board in the field of Neurology.

**prof. MUDr. Mgr. Jiří Minařík, Ph.D.  
UP Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry**

He has been working since 2014 at the UP FMD Department of Hemato-Oncology and University Hospital Olomouc. He was nominated on the recommendation of the UP Scholarly Board in the field of Internal Diseases.

**prof. Mgr. Daniel Nemrava, Ph.D.  
UP Faculty of Arts**

He has worked at the University of Granada, and since 2009 at the UP FA Department of Romance Studies. He was nominated on the recommendation of the Masaryk University Brno Scholarly Board in the field of Specific Literatures (Romance Literatures).

**prof. Mgr. Jana Pelclová, Ph.D.  
UP Faculty of Physical Culture**

She works at the Active Lifestyle Institute and in the UP FPC Department of Sport. She was nominated on the recommendation of the UP Scholarly Board in the field of Kinanthropology.

**prof. RNDr. Pavel Pospíšil, Ph.D.  
UP Faculty of Science**

He has worked at universities in Berlin, Paris, and at Harvard. He focusses on free oxygen radicals formed in cells. He was nominated on the recommendation of the UP Scholarly Board in the field of Biophysics.

**prof. Mgr. Vladimír Remeš, Ph.D.**  
UP Faculty of Science

He is interested in ecology, ethology, and avian evolutionary biology. He focusses on research into avian species richness, specialisation, and diversity. He was nominated on the recommendation of the UP Scholarly Board in the field of Zoology.

**prof. RNDr. Vítězslav Straňák, Ph.D.**  
University of South Bohemia

Head of the Laboratory of Applied Plasma Physics and Nanostructures at the Faculty of Science, University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice. He was nominated on the recommendation of the UP Scholarly Board in the field of Applied Physics.

**prof. RNDr. Jan Švec, Ph.D. et Ph.D.**  
UP Faculty of Science

He works at the UP FS Department of Experimental Physics, where he researches human voice production. He was nominated on the recommendation of the UP Scholarly Board in the field of Biophysics.

**prof. MUDr. Ondřej Urban, Ph.D.**  
UP Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

Head of the UP FMD Department of Internal Medicine II – Gastroenterology and Hepatology at University Hospital Olomouc. His specialisation is therapeutic digestive endoscopy. He was nominated on the recommendation of the UP Scholarly Board in the field of Internal Diseases.

**prof. Mgr. Radek Vodička, Ph.D.**  
UP Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

He works at the UP FMD Department of Medical Genetics and at University Hospital Olomouc. He focusses on applied molecular genetic research of the human genome. He was nominated on the recommendation of the UP Scholarly Board in the field of Medical Genetics.

### New senators elected

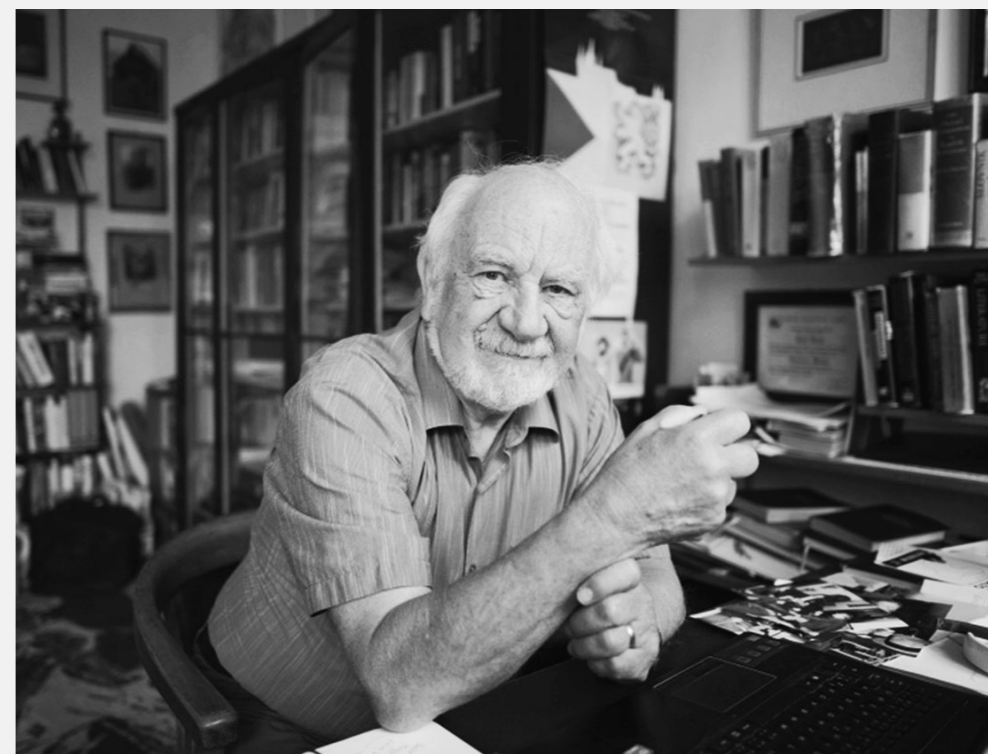
The UP academic community elected a new UP Academic Senate by on-line voting in May, to be in place for the next three years. The new Senate President is Irena Smolová.

### Department of Asian Studies has an adjunct professor

Francis Charles Bond was made Adjunct Professor by the UP rector in the field of Philology. He will be working at the Department of Asian Studies, UP Faculty of Arts. ■

### RECTOR EMERITUS JOSEF JAŘAB (1937–2023)

After a short, serious illness, Josef Jařab has passed away, aged 85. The academic community and public paid their respects at a mass in the Church of St Maurice in Olomouc on 9 May. Professor of English and American Literature, literary theorist, and translator, he was the first post-Velvet Revolution rector of UP, which he headed from 1990 to 1997. He was instrumental in substantial transformations of the university. He brought many significant personalities to Olomouc, including poet Allen Ginsberg, director and thespian Peter Ustinov, and journalist Pavel Tigrid. He then served as rector of Central European University in Budapest, Hungary. He published a memoir, *Rektorská rozpomínání* (A Rector's Reminiscences). Czech Television produced a documentary on him, *Homo Academicus*. He received numerous awards, including the City of Olomouc Award and the Dagmar and Václav Havel VIZE 97 Prize. In memoriam, he received the Medal of Merit from Czech President Petr Pavel and the City of Ostrava Award. The Olomouc Morava River waterfront has now been named after him.





← President Petr Pavel (right) and his advisor Tomáš Lebeda

## Personalities at UP

Palacký University and its workplaces have long been working in cooperation with the Czech and international academic elite. Many famous personalities thus travel to Olomouc as guests of the university. In 2023, UP was visited by Czech President Petr Pavel, Cardinal Schönborn, ambassadors of four countries, and others.

**UP was visited by ambassadors of the USA, Ukraine, Finland, and UK**

Palacký University Olomouc was visited by the US Ambassador in the Czech Republic Bijan Sabet, Ukraine Ambassador Vitaliy Usatyy, and Finnish Ambassador Pasi Tuominen. UK Ambassador Matthew Robert Field also paid a visit to Olomouc.



↑ British ambassador Matthew Field (left) met Prof Jaroslav Peprník.

**Cardinal Schönborn and Emil Viklický received honorary doctorates**

Palacký University awarded the honorary degree of Doctor Honoris Causa to Archbishop of Vienna and Christoph Cardinal Schönborn, who contributed to the renewal of academic theological studies in the Czech Republic after 1989. Jazz composer Emil Viklický, UP Faculty of Science alumnus, also received the title.



↑ Christoph Cardinal Schönborn was awarded an honorary doctorate from UP.

**President Pavel debated with students**

The President of the Czech Republic Petr Pavel and First Lady Eva Pavlová visited the university. The visit commenced with a debate with students in the auditorium of the Faculty of Arts. Eva Pavlová visited Fort Science, where she attended the opening of the Centre for Conflict Resolution and Mediation at the Faculty of Law.



↑ President Petr Pavel joined a debate with students.

**Kevin Gamache and Glenn Tiffert focused on safety**

As part of their academic cooperation with the Olomouc law school, Kevin Gamache, director of the Academic Security and Counter Exploitation Program, and Glenn Tiffert, a specialist in Chinese history from Stanford University, came to present their experiences regarding security.



↑ Composer Emil Viklický accepted an honorary doctorate.

**Annual lecture given by Šimon Pánek**

Co-founder and executive director of the humanitarian organisation People in Need Šimon Pánek delivered the annual lecture at UP. It is held once a year to commemorate the first rector of the renewed university in Olomouc, Josef Ludvík Fischer.



↑ Šimon Pánek at the Faculty of Law

**Michael Pratt lectured on movement**

In cooperation with Prof Michael Pratt, the prominent specialist in physical activity and public health from the University of California at San Diego, a series of lectures was organised by the Faculty of Physical Culture.



↑ Michael Pratt of the University of California at San Diego

**Dire Tladi was invited as speaker**

One of the speakers at the Faculty of Law's conference on the use of armed force in international law was Dire Tladi, a professor from the University of Pretoria who has served as Principal State Law Advisor for international law at the South African Department of International Relations and Cooperation as a member of the UN International Law Commission. ■



← UP won 1st place in the Czech National Quality Award.

**Awards**

Palacký University Olomouc and its academics, scientists, and alumni received many prestigious awards in 2023.

### UP won prestigious quality award

Palacký University Olomouc was awarded 1st place in the Public Sector category of the Czech National Quality Award. These awards are given to institutions that demonstrate the existence of a functional management and quality evaluation system.

### State decoration awarded to Štěrbová, Jařab, and Povejšil

Czech President Petr Pavel awarded a state decoration to Dina Štěrbová, a mountaineer and former teacher at the UP Faculty of Science. In memoriam, it was also awarded to Rector Emeritus Josef Jařab and diplomat Martin Povejšil of the UP Faculty of Arts.



↑ Rector Martin Procházka awarding the Gold Medal for Merit to Dean Emeritus Ivo Barteček (second from the left).

### Gold medals for Vachutka, Hrbek, and Barteček

Gold Medals for Merit for the Development of UP were awarded by Rector Martin Procházka to Jaromír Vachutka, Emeritus Head of the Department of Psychiatry at the UP Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry and University Hospital Olomouc, Chancellor Emeritus Tomáš Hrbek, and historian Ivo Barteček, former dean of the UP Faculty of Arts.

### Roman Herink entered the Hockey Hall of Fame

Roman Herink, a graduate of the UP Faculty of Education, was inducted into the Czech Ice Hockey Hall of Fame as the first para representative in ice hockey.



↑ The Gold Medal for Merit was presented to Jaromír Vachutka (right), the founder of the University of the Third Age, by the UP Rector.

### Prof Jan Peřina received the František Palacký Prize

Palacký University Olomouc awarded the prestigious František Palacký Prize to Prof Jan Peřina for his long-term scientific work in optics.

### Werner von Siemens Award went to Anna Petráčková

The Werner von Siemens Award in the category Best Dissertation was awarded to Anna Petráčková from the UP Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry for her work on biomarker research. Her supervisor, Associate Professor Eva Kriegová, was also awarded.

### František Šmehlík won the Magnesia Litera

UP Faculty of Arts alumnus František Šmehlík won the national Magnesia Litera Book Award for his detective novel *Šelma* [Beast of Prey].

### Prof Pavel Štěpánek received the Trebbia Award

Pavel Štěpánek, Professor Emeritus at the UP Faculty of Arts and an expert on the history of art and architecture in the Hispanic world, received the internationally recognised Trebbia Award in the category of creative activity.



↑ Prof Jan Peřina of the UP Faculty of Science received the František Palacký Prize.

### Minister of Education awarded personalities from UP

Czech Minister of Education Mikuláš Bek awarded the first degree medal to Prof Jaroslav Peprník. The awardees also included UP alumni Tomáš Zatloukal and Libor Podešva, and UP students Monika Kučerová, Barbora Kvapilová, and Anna Petráčková. ■



## Science & Research at UP

### Breakthrough methods, materials, and new discoveries

Palacký University Olomouc ranks among the most prominent universities in the Czech Republic in terms of the quality of its scientific, research, and creative activities. Significant achievements in 2023 included the development of new nanomaterials, technology for automatic personal profiling, and the assembly of the faba bean genome.



### Ondřej Novák again among the world's highly cited researchers

Ondřej Novák, who focuses on the analysis of plant hormones at UP, was listed among the world's Highly Cited Researchers for the sixth time in a row. Seven experts from the Czech Republic are among the one percent of the most cited scientists.

### UP received elite projects

UP succeeded in the Jan Amos Komenský Operational Programme with its Technology Beyond the Nanoworld/TECHSCALE project, coordinated by the Czech Advanced Technology and Research Institute at UP (CATRIN). The subsidy of €19.2 million went

to a team of researchers from Palacký University, Charles University in Prague, and the Brno University of Technology. The UP Faculty of Science (UP FS) joined four other projects financed from this operational programme as well.

### Olomouc scientist developed new peptide stapling method

A new method called peptide stapling, which offers further possibilities of their use in the field of targeted drugs or in biology, was developed by UP FS alumna Soňa Krajčovičová. The results of her research were published in *Angewandte Chemie*.



↑ Prof. Ondřej Novák



↑ The TECHSCALE project aims to develop new technologies for renewable energy generation and storage.

### Linguists developed technology for automatic personal profiling

A new technology making possible automatic personal profiling was developed by scientists at the UP Faculty of Arts. It can be used in web content customisation, advertising, HR, and communication with vulnerable groups of people. It was patented at the US Patent Office.

### New nanomaterial can detect antibiotics in water

A small box connected to a mobile phone — this is what the new biosensor looks like. This device can immediately detect antibiotic residues in water and dairy products. The basis is formed from a tailor-made nanomaterial derived from fluorographene, developed by scientists from UP CATRIN and the Faculty of Science.

### Scientists helped decode the faba bean genome

An international team of scientists from the UP FS and the University of Reading located the gene responsible for the production of the polyphenol oxidase (PPO) enzyme in the genome of the faba bean. The enzyme plays an important role in the protection of the plant's seed, but it also causes its bitter taste. The results of the research were published in *Nature*.

### The hoard of Bánov yielded surprising findings

Experts from UP, the Institute of Archaeology of the Czech Academy of Sciences in Brno, and Charles University found that objects found in the vicinity of Bánov were ritually deposited in the ground during the Iron Age. They published their findings in the *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*.

### Research on China brought crucial data

An international research team led by UP completed research on the global impact of China from the perspectives of the cultures of Taiwan, Russia, Mongolia, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and others. The findings are of great significance for European policymakers.

### Scientists improved the way ammonia is produced

A significant step towards more efficient and sustainable ammonia production was presented by scientists from CEITEC Energy at the Brno University of Technology, CATRIN, and the IT4innovations centre at the Technical University of Ostrava in a study published in the journal *ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces*. ■



The Czech Advanced Technology and Research Institute (**CATRIN**) at UP is dedicated to research in nanotechnology, biotechnology, and biomedicine. It brings together experts and top-notch workplaces to provide solutions for today's global challenges. The Innovative Chemistry research group, led by Prof Alexander Dömling, introduces innovative approaches and technologies to research and connects scientists and industry. The institute's teams have published results in *Nature Materials*, *Nature Nanotechnology*, *Nature Plants*, *Nature Communications*, and *Chemical Society Reviews*, among others.



↑ The team led by Kateřina Poláková (right)



↑ Chemist Veronika Šedajová

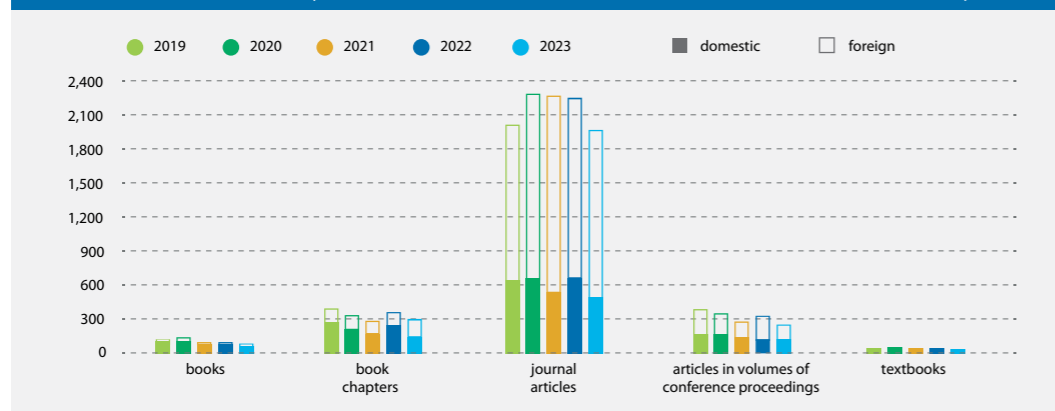
CATRIN has been successful in grant support, particularly in Horizon Europe. In 2023, it managed European projects subsidised by more than €12 million (approximately 58 percent of the project budget of all UP units). Prof Dömling received a prestigious ERC Advanced Grant project. The aim of the TECHSCALE (Comenius programme Cutting Edge Research) project is to design a new generation of nanomaterials for applications in energy, catalysis, biomedicine, etc.

In its third year of existence, CATRIN asserted its status as a professional research institute.



↑ Karoll Ferrer and Miroslav Kvasnica of the Laboratory of Growth Regulators specialise in synthesising brassinosteroids.

UP PUBLICATION ACTIVITY (ACCORDING TO THE CZECH NATIONAL ACADEMIC DATABASE)



MOST FREQUENT PROFESSIONAL PERIODICALS WITH ARTICLES BY UP ACADEMICS AND SCIENTISTS IN WOS INCITES\*

Periodical	Number of documents in the database	Number of citations
Journal of High Energy Physics	47	31
European Physical Journal C	22	20
International Journal of Molecular Sciences	17	25
Biomedical Papers-Olomouc	16	1
Scientific Reports	13	4
Physical Review D	12	4
Frontiers in Plant Science	11	15
Molecules	11	10
Fuzzy Sets and Systems	10	5
Neuroendocrinology Letters	10	1
Nature Communications	9	18
Dalton Transactions	8	9

MOST FREQUENT PROFESSIONAL PERIODICALS WITH ARTICLES BY UP ACADEMICS AND SCIENTISTS IN SCOPUS\*

Periodical	Scholarly Output
Journal of High Energy Physics	44
European Physical Journal C	25
Biomedical Papers	23
International Journal of Molecular Sciences	19
Cor et Vasa	17
Frontiers in Plant Science	16
Physics Letters B: Nuclear, Elementary Particle and High-Energy Physics	16
Scientific Reports	15
Nature Communications	14
Physical Review D	13
Physical Review Letters	13
Molecules	11

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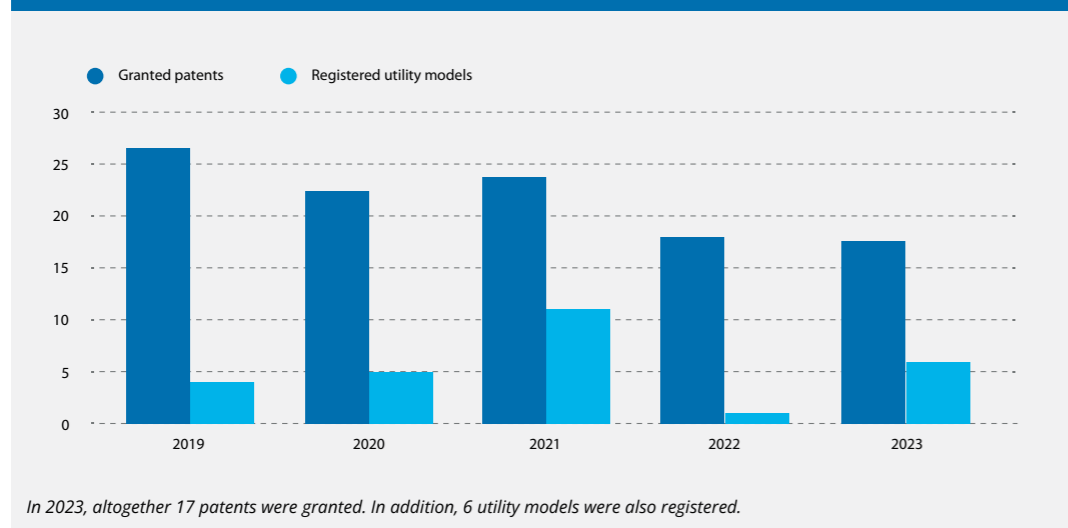
TOP 5 FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS COOPERATING WITH UP ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF PUBLICATIONS IN WOS (2023)

Institution	Number of documents in the database	Category Normalized Citation Impact
University of London	120	3,98
Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique	143	1,21
Københavns Universitet	109	1,46
Universiteit van Amsterdam	119	1,53
University of California System	144	1,16

SUMS FOR FINANCED PROJECTS IN 2023 WHERE UP IS THE CO-INVESTIGATOR OR INVESTIGATOR + FINANCES FROM THE CZECH STATE BUDGET ONLY FOR UP (IN THOUSANDS CZK)

Funding source	Number of projects	Total project budgets (in thousands CZK)	UP's share of project budgets (in thousands CZK)
The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports	39	2,001,370	316,571
The Technology Agency	48	481,486	76,536
The Czech Science Foundation	97	225,367	157,381
The Ministry of Health	23	65,358	28,990
The Ministry of Culture	11	43,474	22,837
The Ministry of Agriculture	8	25,052	6,089
The Ministry of the Interior	2	11,777	2,563
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2,853,884</b>	<b>610,967</b>

PATENTS GRANTED AND UTILITY MODELS REGISTERED



## Global Rankings

### UP improved in THE, ARWU, and QS rankings

Palacký University Olomouc managed to improve its positions in most international rankings. It returned to the top 1000 in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings (THE), to the top 700 in the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), and ranks in the top 640 in the QS World University Rankings (QS).

### UP improved its position in the Shanghai Ranking

For the seventh time, UP made it to the prestigious ARWU a/k/a the Shanghai Ranking, being listed among the top 1000 universities in 2023. UP's position improved year-on-year, ranking 601st-700th.

### THE: Returning to the top 1000

In the THE rankings, UP improved its position, placing 801st-1000th, thus returning amongst the one thousand best universities in the world.

### Success in the QS Sustainability Rankings

In the QS Sustainability Rankings, UP improved its position year-on-year (placing 422nd) despite the doubled number of listed universities. UP joined the top 200 universities in Governance and the top 500 in Social Impact. The best overall performance by UP was achieved in Governance (187th place).

### Improving in both QS and CWTS

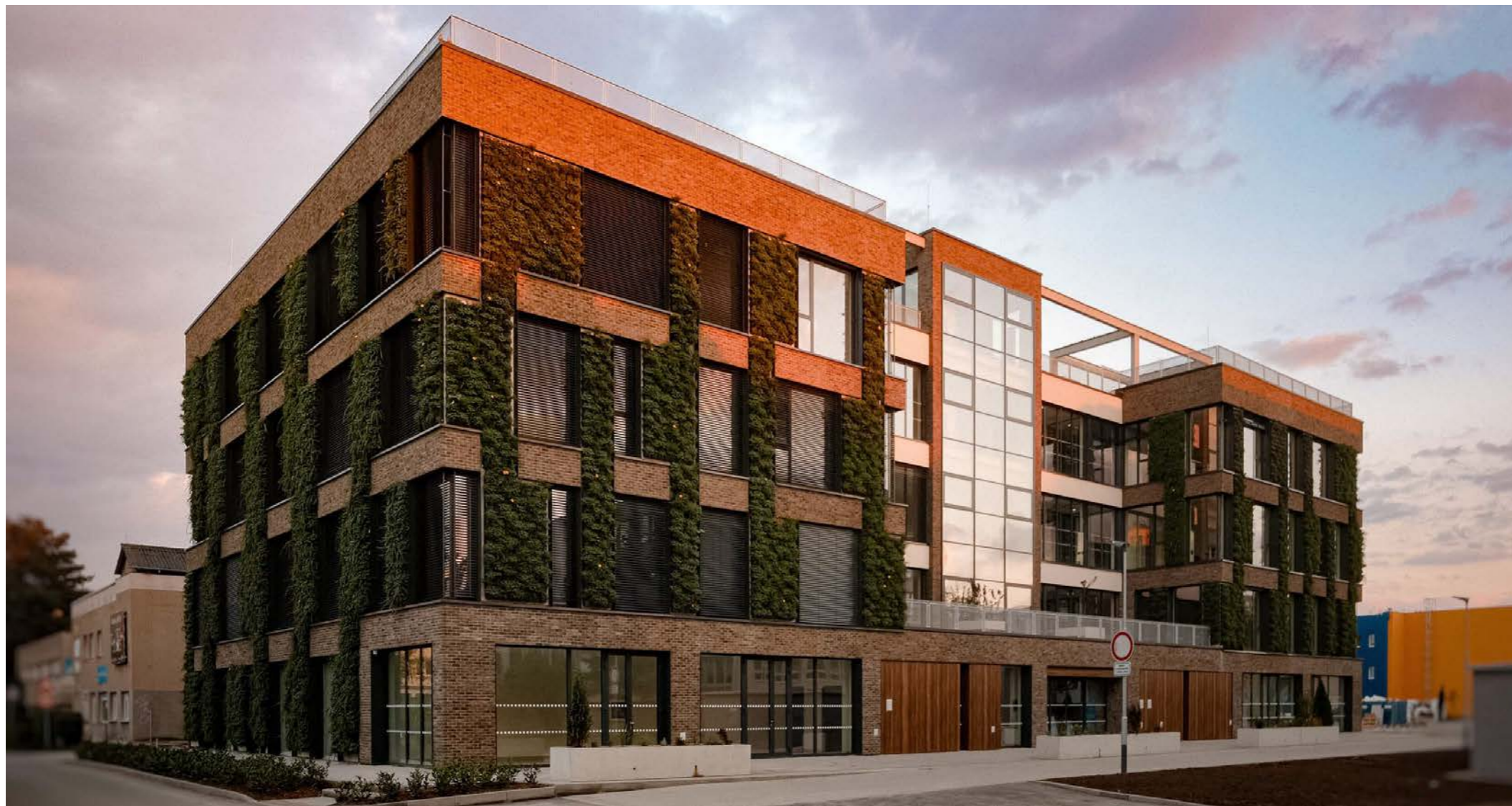
In the QS rankings, UP placed 631st-640th, with the best results in international research network and in international faculty ratio. In the CWTS Leiden Ranking, UP succeeded in international collaboration. UP remained number one domestically in the number of highly cited publications. ■

UP IN INTERNATIONAL RANKINGS				
Rankings	Position 2020	Position 2021	Position 2022	Position 2023
Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU)	501 <sup>st</sup> –600 <sup>th</sup>	701 <sup>st</sup> –800 <sup>th</sup>	701 <sup>st</sup> –800 <sup>th</sup>	601 <sup>st</sup> –700 <sup>th</sup>
THE World University Rankings (THE)	601 <sup>st</sup> –800 <sup>th</sup>	801 <sup>st</sup> –1,000 <sup>th</sup>	1,001 <sup>st</sup> –1,200 <sup>th</sup>	801 <sup>st</sup> –1,000 <sup>th</sup>
QS World University Rankings (QS)	591 <sup>st</sup> –600 <sup>th</sup>	601 <sup>st</sup> –650 <sup>th</sup>	651 <sup>st</sup> –700 <sup>th</sup>	631 <sup>st</sup> –640 <sup>th</sup>
Best Global Universities Rankings (U.S. News)	529 <sup>th</sup>	568 <sup>th</sup>	611 <sup>th</sup>	Not published
The Center for World University Rankings (CWUR)	573 <sup>rd</sup>	572 <sup>nd</sup>	566 <sup>th</sup>	591 <sup>st</sup>

Source: Rankings' websites, positions according to the ranking's year of publication



↑ The Science Fair at the UP Faculty of Science



← The Envelopa Hub building opened in September 2023.

## UP Science & Technology Park

Since 2000, the UP Science and Technology Park (UP STP) has been a place for knowledge and technology transfer, a bridge between the scientific and business worlds. It is a contact point for companies who wish to establish cooperation with UP centres and research workplaces, and connects researchers with firms and other entities. It helps to introduce the novel scientific results coming out of UP to the world, it supports budding entrepreneurs, start-ups, and spin-offs, and it increases the innovation potential of Olomouc and the Olomouc Region. It offers premises, modern co-working, services in the area of commercial use of UP intellectual property, a 3D printing workplace, a digital innovation hub, and an Advanced Materials Analysis workplace.

**UP STP ACTIVITIES CAN BE DIVIDED INTO SEVERAL SECTIONS:**

**Technology Transfer division**

The Technology Transfer division establishes cooperation with companies, seeks and supports commercially interesting ideas stemming from the university, and helps with their development. It helps UP's scientific and academic workers with protection of intellectual property and manages UP's industrial rights registration. It provides financing and administrative leadership of Proof-of-Concept projects and helps acquire projects with commercial overlap. It provides collaboration with firms in the area of custom measurement and contracted and commissioned research. It helps with licensing agreements and the establishment of spin-off companies. It trains UP workers and students in the area of commercialisation and intellectual property.

**Business Support division**

The Business Support division supports entrepreneurship at UP in order to transfer knowledge and research into practice. It runs educational and networking events and lectures where it invites interesting personalities from the business sphere.

**UP STP IN 2023 IN NUMBERS:**

- 68 incubated companies with 392 workers
- 91% occupancy
- 31 requests for measuring and research
- 644 analyses conducted
- 62 commercial cases
- 58 consultation hours
- 5 innovation vouchers
- 27 new industrial rights applications
- 3 PoC projects started and resolved
- 25 events to support entrepreneurship, intellectual property, and technology transfer

**Enterprising Mind**

The 14th annual competition for budding entrepreneurs chose 10 finalists out of 23 participants. The winner was Samuel Jašík's project 2short.ai. Second place went to Adam Šotek & Milan Šišma's project FreshenUP, and third place went to Matěj Svoboda's project Smart Home Box.

**UP Business Camp**

The 11th annual conference was host to 162 participants and seven speakers from the business world. It included a Start-Up Duel, where a jury chose Tomáš Mixa's Ergobody as the winning project.

**Incubator – leased spaces for businesses**

The UP STP Incubator provides leasing of office and production spaces. Advantages include: reception, equipped offices, location, and UP expertise. There is also transport accessibility, with easy connection to the Olomouc city bypass and from there to the D1 Prague–Brno–Ostrava motorway, parking,

consultant advice, 24/7 building access, security camera system, security and cleaning services, and the possibility of dining in the complex. In 2023, UP STP listed 75 tenants (33 virtual) with 392 workers. The Envelopa Hub building came under its management in September 2023.



↑ Part of the Envelopa Hub centre is a modern co-working space called Element.

**TYPES OF PREMISES AVAILABLE FOR LEASE:**

- offices and virtual offices (company headquarters)
- laboratories
- pilot and production spaces
- training and meeting rooms with refreshments, relax zone
- co-working

### UPrint 3D division

An additive manufacturing centre, offering 3D printing, 3D scanning, consulting, and project support services. It offers printing capacities for UP student and scientific projects. ■



↑ The UPrint 3D division offers 3D print and scanning services, consulting, and project support.

### DIGI2HEALTH

The concept of a [digital innovation hub](#) is an ecosystem serving as a place with a number of support services for small and medium-sized firms aimed at innovation in healthcare. It makes possible not only access to digital knowledge, technologies, prototype solutions, and testing facilities, but also participation in the innovation ecosystem in the Olomouc Region and the European network of digital innovation hubs. It is linked to programmes of the Czech Ministry of Industry and Trade and cooperates with the Czech Ministry of Health.

### ENVELOPA HUB

The [Envelopa Hub](#) serves as the UP Centre for Innovation and Technology Transfer, offering premises for firms aimed at optics, healthcare, new materials, and IT. The building has become the place where academia meets practice – connecting the university, the Olomouc Region, the City of Olomouc, state administration, and the business sphere. The façade of Block D is adorned with a vertical garden made up of nearly 18,000 plants. The building is the digital innovation hub headquarters for [DIGI2Health](#) and [Element Coworking](#), with 30 workstations for hire. The Envelopa Hub was awarded the 2023 Business Project of the Year.



↑ The Envelopa Hub building's façade is adorned with nearly 18,000 plants.

UP STP: A COMPARISON, 2019–2023					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Occupancy (%)	94	92	92	100	91
Number of employees in tenant companies	173	164	233	271	392
Number of requests for measuring and research	34	32	43	52	31
Patents granted	26	22	31	14	13





← UP dormitories on the Morava River

## Accommodation & Dining at UP

**In 2023, UP Accommodation and Dining Facilities (UP ADF)** launched an electronic system for signing accommodation contracts and continued to ensure its services in the spirit of its motto “A Good Place for Studies and Life”. It uses an electric van for distributing meals from the central university canteen to satellite canteens.

### What's new in accommodation

Electronic signing of accommodation contracts is now in effect at all dormitories. Improved comfort has been ensured by 11 new kitchen units in the Šmeralova dorm and improvements to 29 kitchen units in the Neředín II dorm, all with induction hobs. Ninety-eight doors were replaced at the Evžena Rošického dormitory. There are new tables and chairs at the Chválkovice dorm. New exercise machines were installed in the Generála Svobody fitness centre.

capacity electric kettles were purchased for the main canteen at 17. Listopadu Street.

### Participation of UP ADF at events (a selection)

#### ACCOMMODATION

- Faculty summer schools, PAF, AFO, Czech Open, Moravian Cup, Velká Bystřice Folk Year, Olomouc 1/2 Marathon, European Universities Table Tennis Championships, Haná Orienteering, Tvořivá škola [Creative School], European Youth Parliament, Scioškola [ScioSchool]

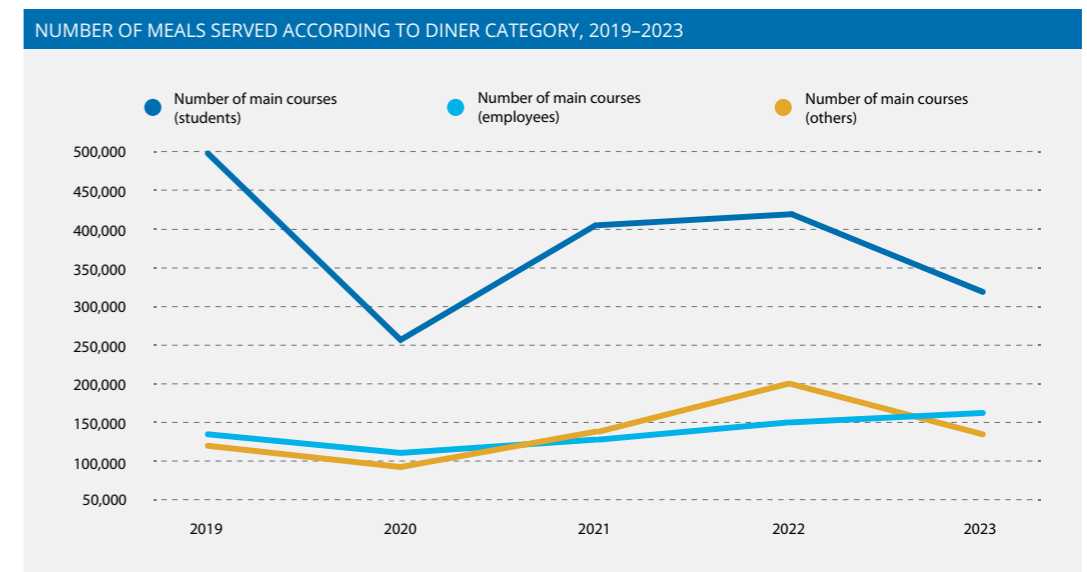
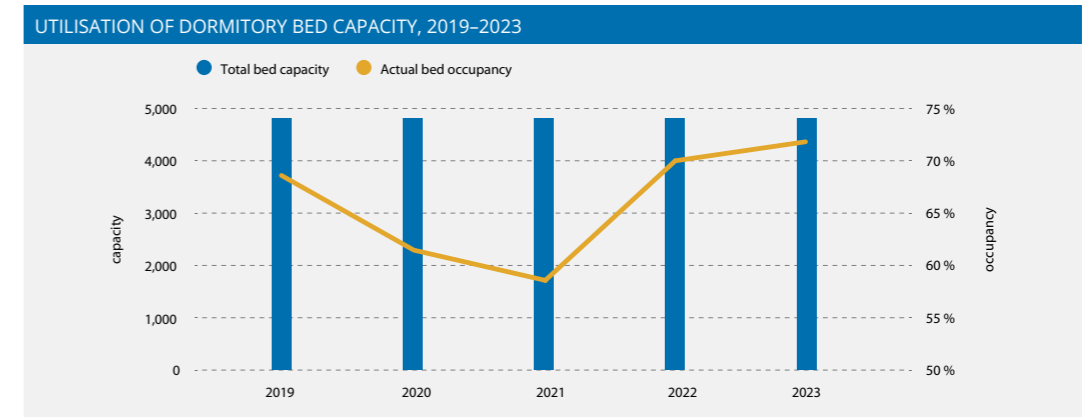
### Dining activities

Prices of meals dropped in May, and one significantly reduced-price meal is still offered daily. Three large-

2023 ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	
Total bed capacity at dormitories	4,776
Number of accommodation applications as of 31 December	5,793
Number of accommodation applications satisfied as of 31 December	5,331
Total number of daily accommodations in the year	1,251,698

2023 DINING SERVICES	
Number of main dishes served to students	323,532
Number of main dishes served to employees	164,534
Number of main dishes served to others	138,563





**DINING**

- Police of the Czech Republic, Czech Television, Olomouc Regional Council of Seniors, Czech Annual Cancer Research Meeting, Moravian Cup floorball camps, Dens Sanus Olomucensis, Creative School, ScioSchool, SONS, Aurora, Euroculture, ICA Spring conferences, 25 camping trips organised by the UP Faculties of Education and Science, and the Bonjour Olomouc, Olomouc UP Majáles May Celebrations, and Meet UP

**Public contracts**

In 2023, UP ADF realised small-scale public contracts in the amount of CZK 9.38 million. A grant from the State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic was procured which purchased trees for planting near university dormitories; 49 have been planted to date.



↑ The new dormitory mural commemorates František Palacký. It was created during the Street Art Festival by Zbyněk Linhart.



## Sustainable University

### University setting the example

The transition to sustainable development is one of the greatest challenges to society, and the university should strengthen societal responsibility by setting the example and supporting environmentally-friendly behaviour. This is why UP has a Sustainable Development Co-ordinator and a Sustainable University.

### UP implements a sustainable development strategy

The university has met the goals established in the UP [Sustainable Development Strategy](#). It is one of the first universities in the Czech Republic to publish a [sustainability report](#). It has carried out an energy audit and green maintenance management. It has extended the biodiversity of its campuses by establishing floral zones and insect hotels. On several buildings, nesting boxes for swifts and bats have been installed. Sustainable University has created an inter-faculty elective course "Sustainable Development in Theory and Practice". It has organised training of UP canteen cooks focussed on preparing foods from plant-based ingredients. It has published on its a [web a sustainable activities methodology](#) and a [methodo-](#)

[logy handbook for new building construction at UP](#). UP took part in the European Sustainable Development Week and the European Mobility Week, during which the Car-Free Day took place. One hundred thirty-six employees registered for the Bike to Work challenge, saving 3 853 kg of CO<sub>2</sub>.

### Sustainability assessment

In the UI GreenMetric sustainability rankings, UP is in 427th place. In the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings, it is ranked 301st–400th. In the QS World University Rankings: Sustainability, it is in 422nd place.

### Aurora

Palacký University is a member of the Aurora university alliance, which devotes attention to themes

of sustainable development and current issues in society. Within the Sustainable Campus Alliance, it completed the Common Footprint Reduction Plan.

### Sustainable Palacký

A group of students who organise awareness-raising activities – film screenings on sustainability, discussions, workshops, excursions, and clothes swaps. Among its project initiatives are the Václavka Community Garden at the student dormitory complex and the Freeshop reuse centre. In 2023, it held events at the Garden and took part in the World Cleanup Day – Czechia event, where members collected over 300 kg of rubbish. From the Freeshop, over 200 sets of recycling bags were issued to students at the dormitories. The initiative was nominated for the People

in Need charity's Gratias Tibi award, and was one of the finalists in the environmental category.

### FREESHOP

People can bring things they no longer need to the Freeshop, knowing that somebody else will find a good use for them. These are most often kitchen utensils, appliances, clothes, and books. The Freeshop is located at the J.L. Fischera dorm, and also loans recycling bags.

### VÁCLAVKA

The first student community garden in the Czech Republic. Students can pick their own herbs and vegetables here, and the space is also used for concerts and barbecues.



↑ Training the canteen cooks in modern plant-based cuisine



↑ Aurora Biannual Meeting in Olomouc



↑ At the Freeshop, people can borrow recycling bags.



↑ Václavka Community Garden

### UP Volunteering Centre

Since 2016, the [UP Volunteering Centre](#) has arranged volunteering opportunities for university students and employees and has been engaged in promoting volunteering in the region. It operates on the city and regional levels and communicates with university volunteering centres throughout the Czech Republic and even abroad. In 2023, it realised projects in cooperation with the Olomouc Region aimed at sen-

iors and Ukrainian youths. The Centre also opened a communal space for volunteers and announced the Rector's Awards for Volunteering. It won the 2022 "Deed of the Year" award from the City of Olomouc for its involvement in the Ukrainian aid activities of the Olomouc Regional Assistance Centre. It also organised the first Volunteering Day for UP employees and the Olomouc Region.



↗ Members of the UP Volunteering Centre



↗ The UP Volunteering Centre won the "Deed of the Year" award from the City of Olomouc for its involvement in the Ukrainian aid activities of the Olomouc Regional Assistance Centre.



↗ The UP Volunteering Centre organised a volunteering day for UP employees and the Olomouc Region.

### Seed Exchange

The Botanical Garden of the UP Faculty of Science operates a Seed Exchange, where you can share seeds of various types of vegetables and ornamental plants.

### Sustainable cups

UP has its own reusable plastic pint cups, used at events. "Hot cUPS" for hot and cold drinks can be obtained at UPoint. ■



## Construction, Modernisation, Renovations

UNIVERSITY TRANSFORMS  
THE LOOK OF THE CITY

The university also has an influence on the look of Olomouc. In 2023, the most significant changes were the opening of the Envelopa Hub and the launch of construction of buildings for the Faculties of Medicine & Dentistry and Health Sciences.



↑ Faculty of Theology building lauded

**UP is building a new building for future doctors and health professionals**

At the Theoretical Institutes building of the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, construction has begun on a modern building which will be used for teaching by the Faculties of Medicine & Dentistry and Health Sciences. It will have a 400-seat lecture hall, a canteen, and classrooms for teaching on simulators. It is due to open in 2026. Project costs are over €25 million.

**Rector's Office gets a new façade**

The UP Rector's Office, a national cultural monument, now boasts a new façade. Its stucco, sandstone, and wrought iron have all been restored. The Rector's Office is located in the former provost's residence of the Olomouc Chapter, which was adapted for the university's needs in 1948-1951.



↑ Element Coworking offers workspaces in the university's Envelopa Hub building.

**UP opens space for sharing knowledge**

The Envelopa Hub is modern building with an atypical green façade, and serves as the UP Centre for Innovation and Technology Transfer. It offers facilities for firms focussing on optics, healthcare, new materials, and information technology. The public can also make use of its co-working spaces and café.

**Faculty of Theology building a finalist for the Rudolf Eitelberger Prize**

The Research Centre building of the Sts Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology on Kateřinská Street was among the nine finalists for the Rudolf Eitelberger Prize.

**Hospital completes construction on new buildings**

In the University Hospital Olomouc complex, construction was completed on new buildings for the Department of Nuclear Medicine, which houses

a cutting-edge PET/C machine; and Building G, with facilities for allergology, clinical immunology, and the Centre for Digital Healthcare – a joint workplace of the hospital and the UP Faculties of Medicine & Dentistry and Health Sciences. ■



↑ The Rector's Office building has undergone a major renovation.





← Summer School of Slavonic Studies at the UP Faculty of Arts

## International Relations & Mobility

Palacký University develops the internationalisation of its educational and creative environments via supporting student and employee mobilities, developing international strategic partnerships and establishing agreements with other universities, developing foreign language study programmes, and improving services for international students and staff. In 2023, a total of 3,042 international students from 95 countries studied at UP. The countries most represented were Slovakia and Ukraine.

### Partnerships and contractual relationships

UP's strategic partnerships in the USA, Europe, and Israel were developed. Thanks to visits abroad, relations and cooperation with selected university and other partners were strengthened, both in the spheres of student and academic exchanges and other collaboration. New inter-university cooperation agreements and agreements regarding the establishment of foreign fundraising in the USA were concluded. The implementation of the European University Alliance project within the Aurora consortium played an important role in strengthening partnerships.

The branding of Palacký University Olomouc abroad continued. In 2023, events to celebrate 450 years of higher education in Olomouc were organised in cooperation with the Czech and Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids and the Czech Center New York. In Cedar Rapids, an exhibition on the 450-year history of the university was launched in September, while in New York, a presentation of the university and a gala evening were held as part of the Czech Center's open house day in the Bohemian National Hall.

UP's participation in education fairs such as APAIE in Bangkok, NAFSA in Washington, DC, and EAIE in Rotterdam, attended by university representatives in cooperation with the Czech National Agency for International Education and Research as part of the national Study in Czechia presentation, also contributed to branding and strengthening partnerships. The online campaign promoting UP's English study programmes

on the Keystone MASTERSTUDIES portal (Best Master's Degrees & Master's Programmes) continued.

### International educational programmes and mobilities

UP provides a welcoming environment for support of international student and employee mobilities and for removing barriers in establishing and developing international activities. The programme most used for mobilities at UP is Erasmus+. UP sends and receives its students and staff within the European Erasmus (KA 131) and international credit mobility (Erasmus KA 171). For mobilities, UP has also made use of other subsidies such as the ESF, CEEPUS, and AKTION programmes. The UP Division for International Cooperation, through the UP Office for Mobility, implements UP scholarship programmes and the Merrill programme (USA). In 2023, UP continued to implement international credit mobility projects with partners in 33 countries, and obtained a new project and started its implementation with partners in 18 countries.

In 2023, a total of 1,311 trips of academic workers were recorded as part of international mobilities, most often to Spain, Italy, the USA, and Slovakia. There were 356 foreign academic staff who came to UP, mostly from Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, and Ukraine. Student study stays abroad were completed by 1,237 UP students, of which 187 were doctoral students. The most frequent destinations for UP students were Germany, Austria, and Spain. Inbound, 1,163 students came to UP, mostly from Ukraine

and Slovakia. Summer schools and short exchange programmes were also very popular.

The year 2023 was also affected by the war in Ukraine. UP accepted Ukrainian students to study via the Erasmus+ programme as well as via direct cooperation.

### Language and cultural centre activities

The language and cultural centres regularly organising cultural and educational events contribute to strengthening the international environment at UP. There are seven such centres at UP: the British Centre, the French Centre, the King Sejong Institute, the Japanese Centre, the Portuguese Centre, the Spanish Centre, and the American Center. Their events are

also organised with institutions such as the Czech National Agency for International Education and Research, the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the US Embassy.

### Welcome Office

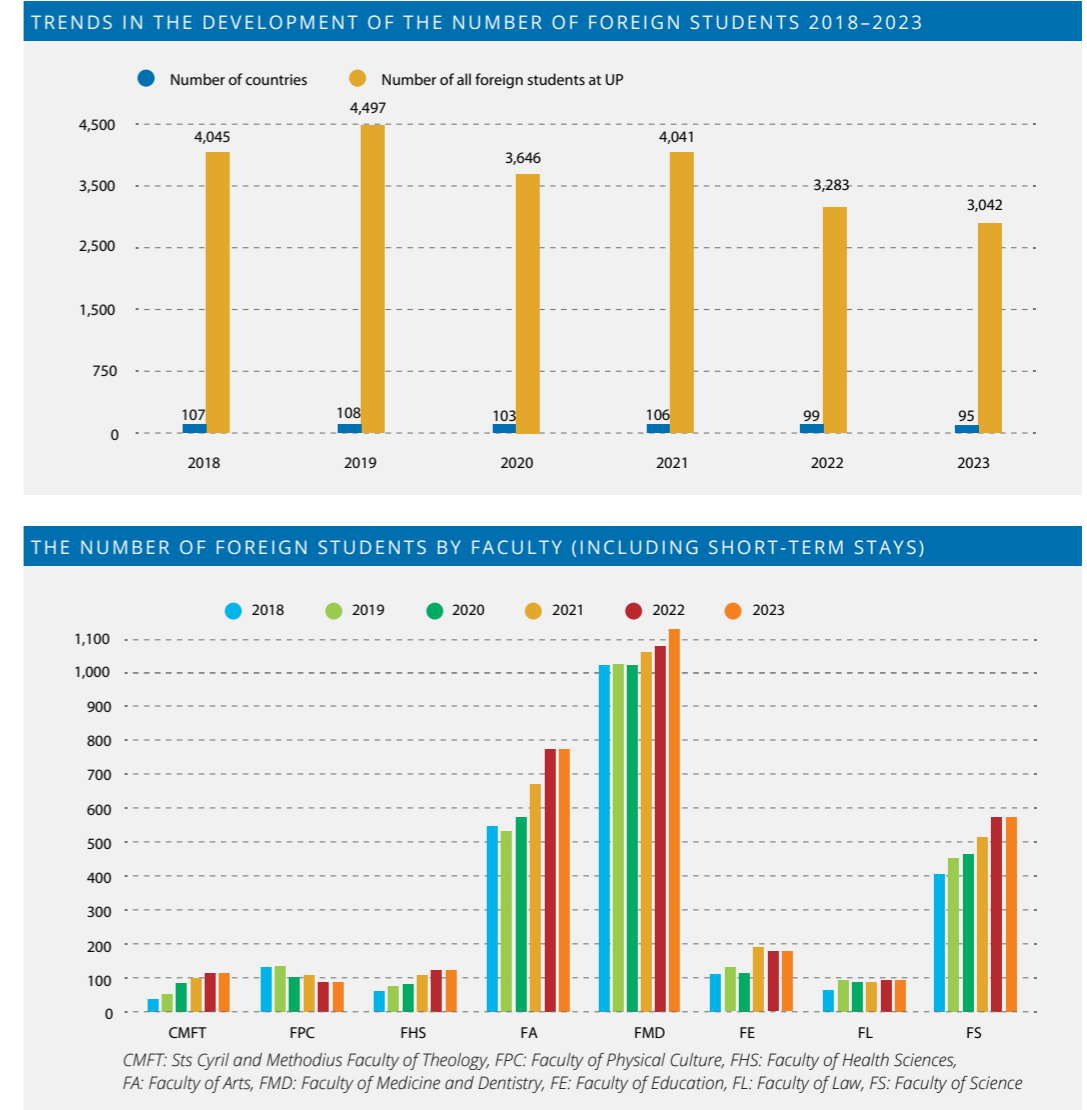
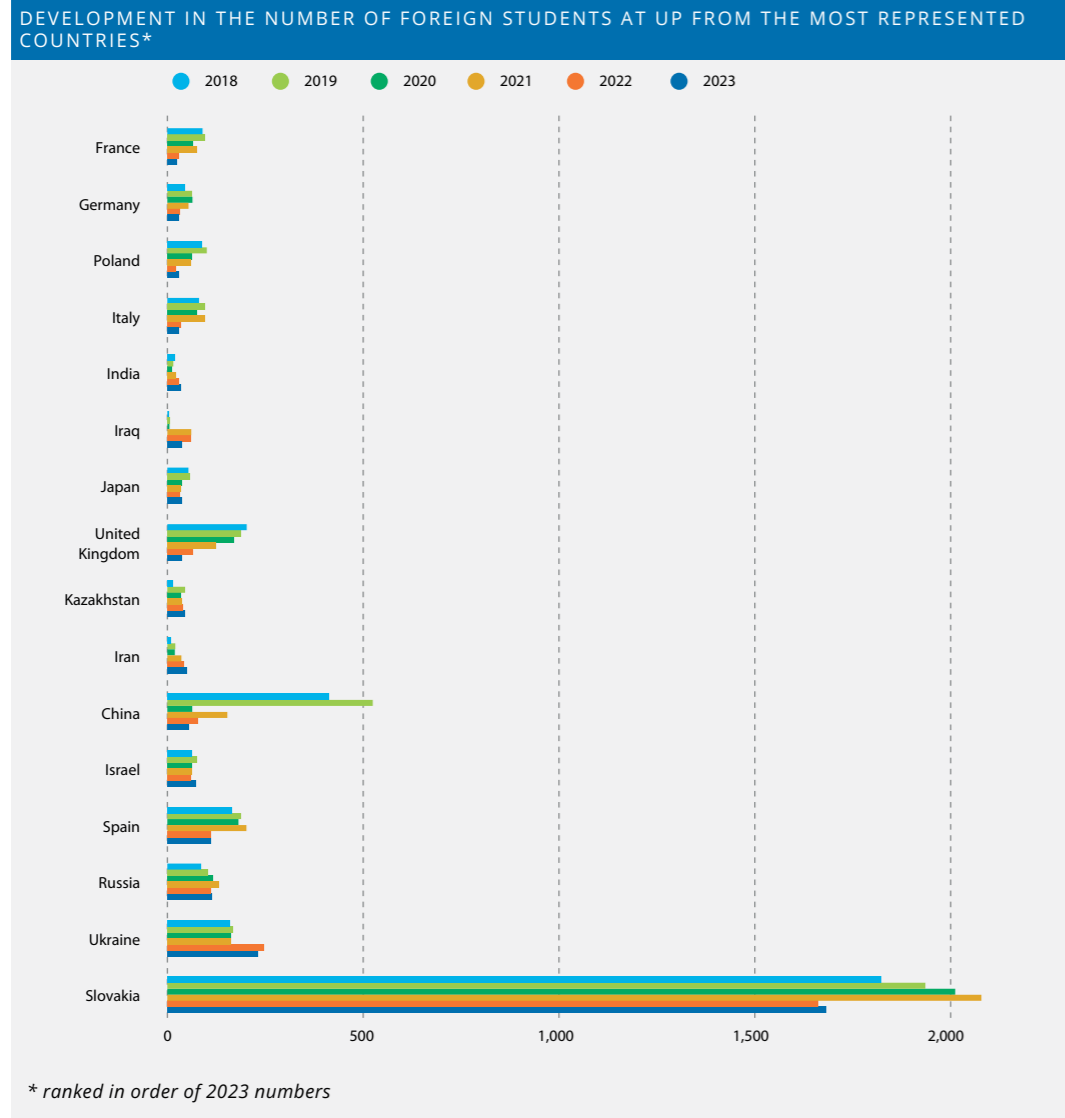
The university provides administrative support to international students and staff. As a contact and information point, the [UP Welcome Office](#) operates within the Division for International Cooperation. Its aim is to provide information and assistance to international students and staff so that they can easily adapt to their new environment. Office workers provide consultations and personal assistance in the field. Information is also available on the Welcome Office website and social media. ■

UP'S INVOLVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PROGRAMMES				
Palacký University Olomouc	Horizon (Programme of the European Commission)			TOTAL
	Total	Marie Curie Actions	Others	
Number of projects	53	13	14	<b>67</b>
Number of outgoing students	0	0	57	<b>57</b>
Number of incoming students	0	0	64	<b>64</b>
Number of outgoing academic and scientific workers	0	0	178	<b>178</b>
Number of incoming academic and scientific workers	0	0	19	<b>19</b>
Grants in thousands of CZK	4,998,552	184,118	791,043	<b>5,789,595</b>

STUDY PROGRAMMES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES (NUMBERS)										
Palacký University Olomouc		Bachelor's studies		Master's studies		Continuing Master's studies		Doctoral studies		TOTAL
ISCED-Fields of education	Code	FT*	C/D**	FT	C/D	FT	C/D	FT	C/D	
<b>STS CYRIL AND METHODIUS FACULTY OF THEOLOGY</b>										
Arts and humanities	02	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	5
Health and welfare	09	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
<b>FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY</b>										
Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics	05	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Health and welfare	09	0	0	3	0	0	0	25	19	47
<b>FACULTY OF ARTS</b>										
Education	01	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	5
Arts and humanities	02	6	0	0	0	3	1	2	2	14
Social sciences, journalism and information	03	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	5	12
<b>FACULTY OF SCIENCE</b>										
Education	01	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	4
Social sciences, journalism and information	03	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	3

\* FT = Full-time, \*\* C/D = Combined/Distance

STUDY PROGRAMMES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES (NUMBERS)										
Palacký University Olomouc		Bachelor's studies		Master's studies		Continuing Master's studies		Doctoral studies		TOTAL
ISCED-Fields of education	Code	FT*	C/D**	FT	C/D	FT	C/D	FT	C/D	
Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics	05	2	1	0	0	10	1	27	26	67
Information and communication technologies	06	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
Engineering, manufacturing and construction	07	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	3
<b>FACULTY OF EDUCATION</b>										
Education	01	5	3	1	1	6	4	10	10	40
Health and welfare	09	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<b>FACULTY OF PHYSICAL CULTURE</b>										
Service	10	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	6
<b>FACULTY OF LAW</b>										
Business, administration and law	04	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	2	7
<b>FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES</b>										
Health and welfare	09	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>223</b>





← Six and a half thousand people registered for the 58th annual AFO.

## AFO 2023

### 58<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF POPULAR SCIENCE FILMS

#### The AFO Festival came back: like an echo

The Palacký University AFO International Festival of Popular Science Films with the theme "Echo" featured over 300 programme events, 159 film screenings, and gave seven awards. Almost 6,500 people registered for the festival.



↑ Eva Charlotte Nilsen after the screening of her film SMILE and WAVE

The festival prize for popularising science went to cosmologist and University of Arizona astronomy professor Chris Impey. Olomouc also hosted Norwegian director Eva Charlotte Nilsen; Esther Elmholt, who directed the documentary *After Nature*; American documentary filmmaker, cinematographer and producer Ian Cheney; film historian Peter Krämer; and Portuguese sound artist Raquel Castro.

"I consider this year's AFO a real success. Not only in terms of the number of visitors and its great line-up, but also how the festival was again able to fascinate guests from all over the world. Their feedback – full of praise for the atmosphere and the professionalism of our team – was our greatest reward," said AFO Director Eva Navrátilová.



↑ From the screening of Titina

A new feature was financial support for three projects within the Camp 4Science industry workshop. The top prize of USD 25,000 from Sandbox Films went to *A Certain Civilization* (Leandro Listorti), and USD 10,000 went to *Carbon Permanence* (Hans Baumann) and *Ghost Dads* (Tracy Jarett, Emma Moley).

UP has been organising the AFO festival since 1966, making it one of the oldest Czech film festivals. It presents prestigious science films, introduced by renowned icons of science and representatives of the film and television industry. In terms of audience numbers, it is one of the most popular Czech film festivals. ■



↑ AFO in the Convictorium Corpus Christi Chapel

#### WATCH AND KNOW PLATFORM

AFO has added a streaming platform in the Czech Republic, showcasing its programme's most successful films. It is intended for documentary lovers, families with children, and teachers. The portal's content is free, after registering at [watchandknow.cz](https://watchandknow.cz).

#### OVERVIEW OF AWARDS AT AFO 2023:

- Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Communication of Science – Personality **Chris Impey, cosmologist and astronomer Sonya Pemberton, Eureka Award and Emmy winner**
- Best Short Science Film Award **Haulout**
- Palacký University Students' Jury Award **Path of the Panther**
- Czech TV Audience Award **Fire of Love**
- Award for the Best Czech and Slovak Science Documentary Film **Invisible Landscapes**
- Honourable Mention by the Czech and Slovak Competition Jury **Humans**
- Award for the Best International Science Documentary Film **Constant**
- Honourable Mention by the International Competition Jury **All That Breathes**



↑ Moderator Daniel Stach gave a lecture at AFO entitled "How Science is Done at Czech TV".



← The MEET UP festival: not just for new students

## Education, Culture, Sports, Entertainment

FOR STUDENTS AND (NOT ONLY)  
OLOMOUC RESIDENTS



↑ The King of May Miroslav Krobot



↑ The Long Night of the Sciences was dedicated to the theme of secrets.

## University events were visited by thousands

University events attracted thousands of students, Olomouc residents, and out-of-towners.

### Miroslav Krobot became The King of May

The UP May Student Celebrations a/k/a Olomouc Majáles offered concerts, theatres, debates, competitions, presentations of student clubs and non-profit organisations, and a quiz on 450 years of higher education in Olomouc. Newly introduced was a tram with live music and theatre performances. Director and actor Miroslav Krobot was crowned the King of May.

### MEET UP breathed life into the riverfront

Presentations of student clubs, concerts, Rector's Awards for volunteers, launching the UP Experimental Brewery beer, a swap – this is what the university

festival MEET UP offered at the beginning of the semester. It took place on the Olomouc riverfront and introduced new students to Olomouc.

### Long Night of the Sciences was full of secrets

The Long Night of the Sciences with the subtitle Secrets took place at UP workplaces and University Hospital Olomouc and offered a hundred programme entries including talks, exhibitions, workshops, screenings, and a special quiz. Almost 11,000 science fans attended the night in Olomouc.

### UP joined the Science Fair

The university participated in the Science Fair of the Czech Academy of Sciences in Prague, which is the largest popular science event in the country. It was attended by 40,000 visitors.



↑ The award for outstanding contribution to the Faculty of Science was given to former UP Rector Lubomír Dvořák.

### Faculty of Science celebrated 70 years

During the ceremony, important personalities who have linked their professional lives with the faculty were honoured, such as Lubomír Dvořák, Miroslav Mašláň, Juraj Ševčík, and in memoriam Otakar Štěřba. After the event, a memorial plaque to the late physicist Josef Tillich was unveiled.

### Faculty of Health Sciences celebrated its fifteenth anniversary

Fifteen years since its foundation, the Faculty of Health Sciences marked its anniversary with a special pub quiz, a field trip, and a festive meeting of the Scholarly Board.





↑ Czech rectors negotiated with Minister of Education Mikuláš Bek and other ministerial representatives.

### UP hosted a meeting of rectors

A meeting of the Czech Rectors Conference was held at UP. Rectors also negotiated with the Czech Minister of Education and representatives of ministries on the financing of higher education. At the same time, the academic year was launched.

### UP presented at the Colours of Ostrava festival

For the first time UP enriched the programme of one of the most important domestic festivals, Colours of Ostrava, and the international discussion forum Meltingpot. The event featured five speakers from UP; visitors could also enjoy the University Town relaxation zone and a science show by Fort Science.



↑ UP had a presentation at the Colours of Ostrava festival for the first time.

### Faculty of Law honours the memory of Milada Horáková

The Milada Horáková Library at the Faculty of Law was newly decorated with the work of academic sculptor Otmar Oliva. The unveiling of the Milada Horáková Memorial took place on the occasion of the Day of Remembrance for the Victims of the Communist Regime. (Horáková was executed in 1950.) The meeting included the signing of a memorandum of cooperation between UP and the Post Bellum non-profit organisation.

### UP held Health Day

Blood pressure measurement, blood group determination, physiotherapy advice, and body composition analysis were offered in September at the Health Day for UP employees at the Armoury. ■



↑ As part of the celebration of 450 years of the university, UPoint presented history-themed notebooks.

### UPOINT: EIGHT-YEARS-OLD!

UPoint, the Palacký University information centre and shop, located on Olomouc's Upper Square, celebrated its eighth year of existence. Its new assortment included sustainable "Hot cUPS", Athena university beer, upcycled bum bags, faculty pens, and merch for the 450th anniversary of UP: a brooch, T-shirts, a handkerchief, and a scarf with a letter from František Palacký, marbles, a vase, and history-themed notebooks. It hosted the exhibitions Naked by Lukáš Ždan; Saint Necrodes by Matúš Pavlík; Unissued Diplomas; Journey into the Heart of Matter; Olomouc Not Only by Car, and Olomouc City Festival Days by photographer Vojtěch Duda. UPoint participated in a collection for war veterans and in Olomouc Design Days and hosted Advent Carols with the Ateneo choir.



↑ Sustainable Hot cUPS.



↑ UPoint presented T-shirts with motifs of neologisms by František Palacký.

### UNION CIVIC UNIVERSITY

A university platform founded on the partnership approach and dialogue with the public. This UP volunteer project organised 20 free educational lectures in 2023. UniOn is open to cooperation with primary and secondary schools, senior citizens' clubs, and interested citizens' collectives. The project involved a number of UP students and academics. UniON offered 52 themes, for example in legal, financial, and media literacy, medical prevention, and Internet safety.

### UP LIBRARY

The University Library had a record number of visitors: 515,661. An important pilot project of RFID technology with self-checking for more modern library collection registration was carried out in the branch at the Faculty of Physical Culture. A historical research room for old prints was built in the Armoury. An exhibition of photographs by Jindřich Štreit was organised. A wedding was held in the study room of the Armoury, at the request of a couple who had met there years ago while studying.



↑ The main university library in the Armoury hosted the wedding of a couple who met there.



↑ Planetarium at Fort Science

### FORT SCIENCE: A PLACE FOR LIVING SCIENCE

Fort Science welcomed 106,029 paying visitors in 2023. In addition to interactive exhibitions, informal education programmes for schools, and thematic events, there were also commerce, rentals, and roadshows contributing to the centre's turnover. Most popular were science shows, films in the planetarium, and science workshops extended to the UP\_LAB premises in the Envelopa Hub (part of the UP Science and Technology Park), a showroom to introduce technologies such as 3D printing and artificial intelligence.

Fort Science hosted conferences and events such as the AFO film festival and Prix Bohemia Radio, and was also involved in the celebration of UP's 450th anniversary by hosting the Happy Birthday, Palacký! event. Czech First Lady Eva Pavlová also visited the premises. Students can take advantage of motivational and educational programmes such as the Fort Science Academy and the Creative Learning project.



↗ UP Press published a spectacular publication on the 450-year-old history of the University in Olomouc.

### UP PRESS

On the occasion of the celebration of the 450th anniversary, [UP Press](#) prepared an eye-catching publication *University of Olomouc 1573–2023* in Czech, English, and German. A significant achievement was the publication of *Filmouka* [Filmology], a unique textbook on film. Together with the Olomouc Museum of Art, it expanded the Olomouc Photographers edition (Blanka Lamrová, Vladislav

Galgonek), introduced new titles in the *Ars Medica* edition, and added an online version of *Czech it UP!*, the popular series of Czech textbooks for foreigners. It also launched a new e-shop and organised the Unipress Forum, a congress of university publishers. UP Press presented its books at trade fairs in Prague, Havlíčkův Brod, Brno, and Leipzig.

### UP STUDENT CLUB & STUDENT ORGANISATIONS

There are 52 [student initiatives](#) at UP. UP provides them with organisational, material, and financial support, as well as media coverage of their activities. The intention is to build a community around the [UP Student Club](#), whose premises were used for the sixth year by student clubs (42 in total in 2023) as a space for meetings, trainings, screenings, workshops, and thematic lectures.

### E-SAFETY

A project aimed at prevention, education, research, intervention, and raising awareness connected with risky behaviour on the Internet and associated phenomena. It provides E-Safety counselling. It is implemented by the UP Faculty of Education Centre for Protection Against Risky Virtual Communication. It won the first prize in the competition for the Best Local Crime Prevention Project and also the 2023 CYBER Award.

### SUPPORT CENTRE FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

This university-wide facility provides comprehensive professional counselling and technical and therapeutic services to [students with special needs](#) at all UP faculties.

### EUFORKA PROJECT

The volunteer project runs an information channel on European themes, furnishing the Czech media space with news on EU activities. It seeks to dispel myths and misinformation through analyses of events and interviews.



## Finances

### IN THE YEAR 2023

Palacký University's budget is managed as a whole. For internal reasons of accounting, monitoring and evaluating expenses and income, it is divided into 21 parts: the 8 faculties, the Czech Advanced Technology and Research Institute (CATRIN), the Rector's Office, and 11 university facilities. Profit for the year 2022 in the amount of CZK 72,084 thousand was approved by the UP Academic Senate (UP AS) and distributed into the Operating Fund

(CZK 40,364 thousand), the Fixed Assets Development Fund (CZK 26,820 thousand) and the Awards and Subsidies Fund (CZK 4,900 thousand).

Accounting for the year 2023 showed a profit of CZK 34,175 thousand, which was reallocated after a meeting of the UP AS and after approval of the Annual Report on UP Finances for the year 2023 by the Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports. ■

PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR 2023, IN THOUSANDS CZK			
Public university sectors	Income from main activities	Income from supplemental activities	Total income
Faculty of Health Sciences	0	0	0
Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry	21	737	758
Faculty of Arts	1,272	745	2,017
Faculty of Science	3,077	3,675	6,752
Faculty of Education	930	801	1,731
Faculty of Physical Culture	1,034	-4,793	-3,759
Sts Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology	-532	3	-529
Faculty of Law	0	14	14
Czech Advanced Technology and Research Institute	51	1,665	1,716
UP Accommodation and Dining Facilities	16,343	10,371	26,714
UP Rector's Office	20	467	487
UP Library	9	0	9
Palacký University Press	-69	132	63
UP Computer Centre	174	180	354
Armoury - UP Library complex (Rector's Office)	24	8	32
UP Science and Technology Park	-252	460	208
UP Academic Sport Centre	134	416	550
UP Project Service	-2,988	0	-2,988
UP Centre for Students with Special Needs	0	0	0
UP Confucius Institute	0	0	0
UP King Sejong Institute	46	0	46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,294</b>	<b>14,881</b>	<b>34,175</b>



↑ Olomouc is one of the oldest cities in the Czech Republic and is known as the "Czech Oxford".

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Hněvotínská 3, 775 15 Olomouc
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