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# KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE CZECH REPUBLIC/UNESCO COOPERATION

- 1. Membership in UNESCO: since 22 February 1993
- 2. Membership on the Executive Board: yes (term 2011-2015)

## 3. Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:

- Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme (mandate expires in 2017); Member of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC): Prof. Ms Mansfeldova
- Executive Committee of the International Campaign for the Establishment of the Nubia Museum in Aswan and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Cairo (term expires in 2015)
- Legal Committee (term expires in 2017)
- Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
- Member of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (Term expires in 2019)
- 4. The Director-General's visits to the Czech Republic: None to date

# 5. The former Director-General's visits to the Czech Republic:

• 8-9 February 2000: official visit

# 6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:

- Permanent Delegate: H.E. Ms Marie Chatardova, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic in France, Permanent Delegate (since 9 September 2013)
- Staff: Mr René Miko, Deputy Permanent Delegate
- Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Ms Halka Kaiserová (September 2010 August 2013), H.E. Mr Petr Yanyška (September 2006 – July 2010), H.E. Mr Karel Komarek (September 2000 – August 2004)
- 7. UNESCO Office: none

#### 8. Czech Commission for UNESCO:

- Date of establishment: June 1994
- President: Mr Petr Gazdík (since February 2013)
- Secretary-General: Mr Karel Komárek (since February 2013)

# 9. Czech personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:

- Mr Michal Beneš, Member of the International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of Iraq
- Professor (Ms) Mansfeldova, Member of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of the Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme

#### 10. UNESCO Chairs: 1

- UNESCO Chair of Museology and the World Heritage, established at the Masaryk University, Brno (1994)
- **11. Associated Schools:** 50 (1 nursery/pre-school, 13 primary, 3 primary and secondary, 28 secondary, and 5 vocational and technical institutions). The Czech Republic joined the ASP Network in 1966.

#### 12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: none

## 13. Biosphere Reserves: 6

- Krivoklátsko (1977)
- Trebon Basin (1977)
- Lower Morava (1986, 2003)
- Sumava (1990)
- Krkokonose / Karkonosze (1992) (Czech Republic/Poland)
- Bílé Karpaty (1996)

## 14. World Heritage Sites: 12

- Historic Centre of Prague (1992)
- Historic Centre of Cesky Krumlov (1992)
- Historic Centre of Telc (1992)
- Pilgrimage Church of St John of Nepomuk at Zelena Hora (1994)
- Kutná Hora: the Historical Town Centre with the Church of Saint Barbara and the Cathedral of Our Lady at Sedlec (1995)
- The Lednice-Valtice Cultural Landscape (1996)
- Holašovice Historical Village (1998)
- Gardens and Castle at Kromeríz (1998)
- Litomyšl Castle (1999)
- Holy Trinity Column in Olomouc (2000)
- Tugendhat Villa in Brno (2001)
- The Jewish Quarter and St Procopius' Basilica in Trebic (2003)

#### 15. Tentative List: 19 properties

- Renaissance Houses at Slavonice (2001)
- Paper Mill at Velké Losiny (2001)
- Fishpond Network in the Trebon Basin (2001)
- Český ráj (Czech Paradise) Rock Cities (2001)
- Sites of Great Moravia: Slavonic Fortified Settlement at Mikulcice-Church of St.Margaret at Kopčani (2001)
- The Industrial Complexes at Ostrava (2001)
- The Forstress of Terezín (2001)
- The Spa at Luhacovice (2001)
- The Betlém Rock Sculptures near Kuks (2001)
- The Karlstein Castle (2001)
- Extension of the World Heritage Site "Historic Centre of Prague" with the important Monuments in its Vicinity (2001)
- Cultural landscape of the stud farm at Kladruby nad Labem (2007)
- Mountain-top Hotel and Television Transmitter Ještěd (2007)
- Žatec the Hops Town (2007)
- The West Bohemian Spa Triangle (2008)
- Paysage culturel minier des Monts Métallifères (Erzgebirge) (2012)
- Mining Cultural Landscape Erzgebirge/Krušnohoří (2012)
- Great Spas of Europe (2014)
- The timeless, humanistic architecture of Jože Plečnik in Ljubljana and Prague (2015)

# 16. Intangible Heritage Lists: 4 elements on the Representative List

- Slovácko Verbuňk, Recruit Dances (2008)
- Falconry, a living human heritage (2010); together with the United Arab Emirates, Belgium, France, Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic
- Shrovetide door-to-door processions and masks in the villages of the Hlinecko area (2010)
- Ride of the Kings in the south-east of the Czech Republic (2011)

## 17. Memory of the World Register: 5 inscriptions

- Collection of medieval manuscripts of the Czech Reformation (2007)
- Collection of Russian, Ukrainian and Belorussian émigré periodicals 1918-1945 (2007)
- Collection of 526 prints of university theses from 1637-1754 (2011)
- Libri Prohibiti: Collection of periodicals of Czech and Slovak Samizdat in the years 1948-1989 (2013)
- The moving picture shows of Émile Reynaud (2015), jointly with France.

#### 18. Creative Cities Network: 1

• Prague, UNESCO City of Literature (December 2014)

## 19. Legal instruments: 26 ratified and 14 non-ratified

- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: <u>acceptance</u> (18 February 2009)
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: accession (12 August 2010)
- International Convention Against Doping in Sport: <u>ratification</u> (30 April 2007)

#### 20. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015:

- 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Bohumil Hrabal, writer (1914-1997)
- 1,200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Saint Methodius (815-885), creator, with his brother Cyril, of the first Slavic alphabet (Bulgaria, with the support of Croatia, Czech Republic, Greece, Montenegro, Russian Federation, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)

# 21. Participation Programme:

- 2012-2013: 2 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 32,000 ("Working Meeting on Implementing the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions for Selected Central and East European Countries", "Activities Related to the "Bridging the Digital Divide in Africa" - a Basic PC and Internet Course")
- 2010-2011: 3 requests submitted and approved for a total amount of US\$ 85,000 ("2010 ICCN International Round Table of Mayors", "15<sup>th</sup> Postgraduate Course in Polymer Science", "La quadriennale de Prague du design et de l'espace des arts vivants 2011")
- 2008-2009: 4 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 45,000 ("13<sup>th</sup> Postgraduate Course in Polymer Science", "Basic PC and Internet Course", "Séminaire international: principes d'élaboration du plan d'action de sauvegarde d'un bien culturel immaterial", "International course on ecohydrological approaches for wise use, restoration, management and conservation of wetlands")

#### 22. Fellowships:

- Since 2010, no fellowships have been awarded.
- The UNESCO/Czech Republic Co-Sponsored Fellowships Programme: since the launching of the Programme in 1995, 109 fellowships were awarded under this Programme (62 for the Bachelor Programme and 47 for graduate and postgraduate level).

## 23. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2015: fully paid

- Assessment rate for 2015: 0.386%
- Assessed contributions for 2014-2015: US\$ 2,520,580

# **24. Voluntary contributions** (expressed in US\$):

Year	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	4,499	28,363	22,790	22,790	22,790	127,486

- 25. Representation within the Secretariat: in balance
  3 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 3, max. 5)