GENERAL INFORMATION

Currency

The currency in the Czech Republic is the Czech Crown (CZK) (approx.1 € ~ 26 CZK) <u>http://www.myczechrepublic.com/basics/czech_currency.html</u>.

Exchange offices – airport: location and opening hours

<u>http://www.prg.aero/en/site/sluzby_letiste/nakupy_a_relaxace/financni_postovni_ostatni/sme</u> <u>narny.htm</u> There are also three currency exchange automats within the terminal building allowing passengers to exchange money at any time. Two automats are located within the transit area of the terminal, the third one can be found in the public area of the Arrival Hall.

Transport from airport to ICT Prague

Public transport

Take **bus no. 119** to Metro station Dejvická (the terminus), 22 min, operates daily from 4 - 24 hrs. Time interval is 10 - 20 min. Price for bus ticket is 26 CZK. Bus tickets can be bought in public transport counters in Arrival Halls of Terminals 1 and 2 (from 7 am to 10 pm). Tickets should be available also in the bus (with additional charge)

http://www.prg.aero/en/site/sluzby_letiste/doprava_parkovani/doprava_na_letiste/mhd_autob_us.htm .

Airport taxi services

http://www.prg.aero/en/site/sluzby_letiste/doprava_parkovani/doprava_na_letiste/tarifn i_a_smluvni_preprava.htm

We recommend using **AAA taxis**. Their cab-stands are located directly in front of the arrival halls at Terminal North 1 - exit D, and at Terminal North 2 - exit E. You can easily recognize them because their cars are yellow. Rates: 28 CZK per km, 6 CZK waiting fee for each minute and 40 CZK "starting rate" for each journey. The price of taxi AAA from airport to ICT Prague (cca 12 km) is about 400 CZK. In case there are no cabs available at the stand, contact the AAA radio taxi operators at 14014 or mobile phones: +420 602331133 or 603331133 or 777331133.

Transport to the airport

Please note that at the airport there are 2 departure halls (Non-Schengen countries - Terminal 1; Schengen countries - Terminal 2).

Public transport system in Prague

3 Metro lines A, B and C, trams and busses. To City centre from Metro station Dejvická to Metro station Muzeum (Václavské náměstí) takes about 6 min. Prices of ticket to public transport system are 18 or 26 CZK depending on the time. It is also possible to buy 1-, 3-, and 5- day tickets (for more information <u>http://www.dpp.cz/en/fares-in-prague/</u>). Tickets can be purchased in public transport counters e.g. at airport and subway in Metro station Dejvicka, at all Metro stations at ticket vendors and newspaper stands.

Meeting venue

Vysoká škola chemicko-technologická, Prague 6 - Dejvice, Technical 5, Building A, Room No. 402.Meeting room of the Dean's office of the Faculty of Chemical Engineering. Path: start at the Reception at Technická 5 (building A), go up the stairs to the 1st floor, follow the postsigns INTEC, turn to the left and keep up going through the whole building to the back stairs (exit to Zikova Street), take the elevator to the 4th floor, where is meeting room



Food

Lunches will be dished up in the conference room of ICT and paid by organizing ICT. Collective dinner on Monday 21.1. will take place in restaurant Hotel DAP (Vojenský klub Praha – DAP, Vítězné náměstí 4/684, 160 00 Praha 6).

Internet connection

Meeting Venue (conference room of ICT) – WIFI connection will be available.

About Prague



Prague- Capital of the Czech Republic

Prague is the most precious Czech historical city site. It came into existence as a town when in the late 9th century the Prague Castle was built. In the 11th century, the first Czech king, Vratislav I,



chose Prague as his capital. Situated on the River Vltava in central Bohemia, Prague has been the political, cultural, and economic centre of the Czech state for more than 1100 years and since the Middle Ages, Prague has been known as one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Nicknames for Prague have included "the mother of cities" (Praga mater urbium), "city of a hundred spires" and "the golden city".

Down the centuries, major cultural and political personalities have paid homage to Prague; W. A. Mozart, L. van Beethowen, F. M. Dostojevskij, A. Rodin, O. Kokoschka, Elisabeth the Queen and John Paul II., just to name a few, have allowed the spirit and beauty of the city to enchant them. Its atmosphere has been reflected in the works of world-class artists, e.g. Alfons Mucha, Franz Kafka, Max Brod, Jan Neruda, Jaroslav Hasek, Jaroslav Seifert or Egon Erwin Kisch. Prague is not only the centre of cultural movements dating back for centuries; it also exhibits a unique collection of historical monuments, dominated by Prague Castle. Art from every period in history can be found here.

Despite its fascinating history, which a visitor meets on virtually every corner of the city – from Roman art and architecture until the 20th century pieces, it is not only past that attracts thousands of visitors to this city. Prague has also its modern face, both in art and in a lifestyle. Therefore one can enjoy for example picturesque atmosphere of Prague Castle complex or mystical spirit of an old Jewish town and modern lifestyle of a European capital in a single day.

The city proper is home to more than 1.2 million people, its metropolitan area is estimated to have a population of over 1.9 million. It is the seat of the president of the Czech Republic and home to all the main political, economical, cultural and educational institutions. In 1348 the Charles University was founded as one of the oldest universities in Europe. Prague is a gateway to the Czech Republic and it is an important Central European centre.

Since 1992, the extensive historic centre of Prague has been included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites, as a town with a unique and lively blend of roman, gothic, renaissance,

baroque, Art Nouveau and cubist architecture (Prague Castle, the seat of the Czech President, is the largest medieval castle in the world). Prague was also one of nine European cities awarded the title European City of Culture 2000 by the Council of EC ministers. Useful links:

Czech Republic guide http://www.myczechrepublic.com/

Portal of Prague <u>https://www.praha.eu/jnp/en/home/index.html</u> <u>http://www.praguewebcam.com/</u>