In defiance of time

The editorial team of the Forum magazine is publishing its summary of the past year for the second time. Last year’s summary paid tribute to the largely unsung and unseen staff at the Rectorate without whom the university could not function. This year Forum magazine decided to pay tribute to a dozen significant personalities on the Czech scientific scene. Once again a non-traditional method was chosen to profile them.

?We did not photograph the scientists at work, but instead we asked them to give us a glimpse of their private lives and asked them what they enjoy and are interested in during their free time outside of work,? explained Forum editor Petra Köpplová.

Anti-doping across Europe
Sports administration at an international level demands above all a good knowledge of sports ethics and law as well as a good command of languages. For this reason, six top European universities, including Charles University, have teamed up to train leading sports managers.

For those interested, Charles University’s Faculty of Physical Education and Sport offers international Masters programme courses in Sports Ethics and Integrity.

Jan Palach Week
2018 marked the 49th anniversary of Jan Palach’s self immolation in protest against the Soviet-led occupation of 1968. Charles University paid it’s now traditional homage to Palach’s self sacrifice with a series of events, lectures, and screenings which took place during the so-called Palach Week.
Dream realised at Social Science faculty

Almost 20 years after its foundation, Charles University's Faculty of Social Sciences has been given its own insignia. Up till now, students at the faculty have had to take their entrance and graduation oaths using insignia 'borrowed' from the university's Philosophical Faculty.

The new insignia were unveiled at a celebratory evening at the Karolinum attended by social science students as well as students from the journalism department of Václav Moravec. Moravec was one of the main initiators of a collection aimed at paving the way for the faculty to asset its separate identity under the slogan ?Let's swear with our own insignia.? The collection was launched in the Spring of 2017 using the Hithit portal and thanks to its success the 20 year old dream of the former dean, Professor Miloslav Petreus, has been fulfilled.
Tomáš Zima was inaugurated for the second time as Rector of Charles University at an official ceremony in the large chamber of the Karolinum. Personnalis from the Czech political and social sphere were present as well as newly appointed Vice-Rectors, Deans, and Vice-Deans.
Lift off for paternoster

One of the symbols of the Faculty of Law at its impressive site in the centre of Prague - a paternoster lift - resumed normal service from March 14. Use of the almost 80-year-old paternoster was interrupted in 2005 due its poor technical state. Repairs eventually dragged out over 13 years with the work completed thanks to a public collection.
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Eights success in Prague competition

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The festival also showcased exhibits from the era, including veteran cars and field hospitals. A children’s fair was also held at the Charles University Medical Faculty. The festival for children was held in the courtyard of the Second Faculty of Medicine. It was called the First Republic Festival and included exhibitions and shows featuring the everyday life of the First Republic. The event was opened by Rector Tomáš Zima. He expressed hope that it would inspire other universities.

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Výročí 25. říjen 2018 bylo omluvně až do včerejšího dne na pražském Vyšehradě. Byla to oslava, jakou si naše stoletá republika zasloužila. Děkujeme všem organizátorům a spolupracovníkům! Dobrého víkendu všem!

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Sdílený Univerzita Karlova (@unikarlova). Zobrazit příspěvek na Instagramu
Wader research on Science cover
Faculty of Natural Sciences doctoral graduate Vojtěch Kubelka was featured on the cover page of the international journal Science in recognition of his research focusing on the affect of climate change on the life cycle of wading birds.

His research mainly concentrates on bird nest.

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Karolinum před a po. Už 50 let navštěvujete budovu Karolina ve stávající podobě. Ptáte se, jak to tu vypadalo předtím? Odpověď najdete u recepce na Ovocném trhu hned vedle nově odhalené busty profesora Oldřicha Starého, který byl klíčovou osobou při rekonstrukcích a v roce 1968 otevřel novou budovu. #charlesuniversity #unikarlova #karolinum #keepcunigreatuni #charlessupportyou #newbuild #reconstruction #cuni #prague #oldtown #newtown #celebration #centerofprague

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