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The future rector of UHK, Jan Kříž



Students as partners and a university known for being demanding but high quality. The future rector, Jan Kříž, outlines his plans for leading UHK.



When the Academic Senate of the University of Hradec Králové (AS UHK) elected **Jan Kříž** as the candidate for the rector's position at its December meeting, it gave him an extraordinary mandate to perform his future duties. Out of 23 valid votes, he received 17 and will thus lead UHK in the years 2024–2028. His main slogans are students as partners, quality of education, and building on the achievements of his predecessor, Kamil Kuča, where it makes sense.

Assoc. Prof. RNDr. Jan Kříž, Ph.D.

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physicist, dean, previously vice-dean and vice-rector, city councillor of Hradec Králové, married, two children



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Sometimes it's said that UHK is the second choice school. That's not the case.

We regularly ask visitors to educational fairs and visitors of university open days, and we conduct feedback surveys with our students – the conclusions are such that despite my earlier criticism, they are attracted by the study programs we offer.

However, I really see room for improvement. They like the idea of studying in our beautiful Hradec Králové, which, as a patriot of Hradec, I totally understand, or they are captivated by the modernly renovated dormitories we pride ourselves on.

Simply put, we definitely have a lot to offer them, although I can imagine that the offer and various student benefits could be, conservative readers will forgive me, sexier.

I want to build a reputation of a challenging but very high-quality university, which has long been attracting applicants not only from the Eastern Bohemian region.





UHK Annual overview

JAN

- Career Booths UHK Point
- Blue faculty came alive during its jubilee birthday celebration
- „Quo Vadis“ Exhibition

FEB

- The Music Department of the Faculty of Education UHK hosted the Concert Chorale choir from the University of Findlay, USA
- The successful fourth edition of the Philosophy Olympiad
- Czech National Agency for International Education and Research meeting at the UHK

MAR

- Foreign visits at FIM UHK from Malaysia, Thailand, and Taiwan
- Physicist Jan Kříž takes over the leadership of the Faculty of Science UHK for the second time
- Over forty companies attended this year's HIT career fair
- Pedagogical Days 2023
- Exhibition of Assoc. Prof. Petr Kmošek in Gallery T

APR

- East Bohemian universities again competed in esports
- UHK once again won the sixth edition of the ice hockey derby of East Bohemian universities
- University Sports Afternoon enlivened the entire Na Soutoku campus

MAY

- Elixir to Schools teacher conference at the Faculty of Science UHK
- 18th edition of the Forum on Czech, Slovak, and Czechoslovak History
- Students on the course of marine and coastal sports in Croatia

JUN

- Launch of the 52nd national final of the History Olympiad
- Official opening of the Centre for Field Archaeology
- UHK held a meeting of our European university alliance
- UHK at the Rock for People music festival

JUL

- The workshop of the COST project at FIM UHK was attended by scientists from four countries of the world



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AUG

- Summer school attracted students from around the world
- UHK faculties welcome new international students
- Young participants of the suburban camp enjoyed not only the esports classroom
- European Sustainability Week at UHK
- Conference Three Centuries in the Heart of Europe
- Visit of Finnish Ambassador H.E. Pasi Tuominen

SEP

- Student Archaeological Post-Covid Conference, aka what we were up to during the Lockdown
- Student festival ReUnion
- Start of the reconstruction of building C
- UHK at the European Association for International Education Conference
- Dean of FIM UHK Josef Hynek welcomed first-year students in Tisová

OCT

- Meeting of the new International Advisory Board of UHK
- University International Day 2023
- First Weekend School of AI at the Faculty of Science UHK
- Memory sports champion visited UHK
- First UHK quiz for students and employees
- Tomáš Petráček received the city of Hradec Králové medal

NOV

- Week of Humanities at the Philosophical Faculty UHK
- ESN HK receives the Rector's award
- UHK at the CZEDUCON Conference
- The volleyball tournament for the Rector's Cup was won by „Nemluvíata“ team
- Jasmína and Pavel Houdkovi – self-defense in the UHK auditorium

DEC

- Dagmar Hrušová elected Teacher of the Year at FIM UHK
- Czech Universities Ranking Group for the first time in Hradec Králové
- Announcement of student annual awards



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RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, INNOVATION AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

The University of Hradec Králové's Research Center aims for top-notch archaeological research

The Center for Field Archaeology (CETA) has been operating at the Philosophical Faculty of the University of Hradec Králové (FF UHK) since 2018. This young research center has already achieved several significant successes and has established itself as a prominent Czech archaeological workplace. On June 23, 2023, it commenced operations in newly reconstructed laboratories in Hradec Králové, which employ two dozen specialists.



Currently, CETA employs twenty specialists divided into three departments. The new laboratories include devices for advanced archaeological analyses, such as X-ray, CT, magnetometer, optical and 3D microscopy equipment, or geochemical analyses.

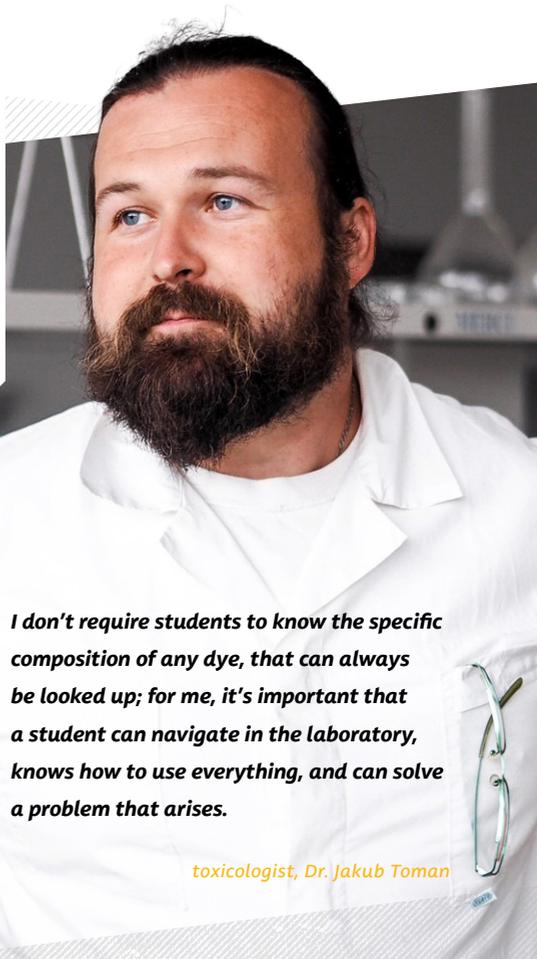
*head of the center,
archaeologist Ladislav Rytíř*



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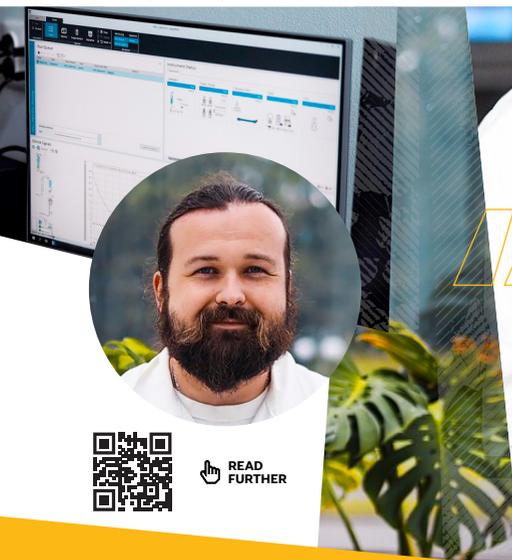
Food quality expert: eat a variety and switch brands to avoid the adverse effects of mycotoxins

How do you balance the duties of a scientist and educator? Can a chaotic person manage laboratory sterility? What and how to practically teach students (not only) of biology? Can one eat healthily in today's world, and what does „buying quality food“ mean? We talked to **Dr. Jakub Toman**, a biologist and ecologist from the Faculty of Science UHK, about his work and why he remains loyal to our city.



I don't require students to know the specific composition of any dye, that can always be looked up; for me, it's important that a student can navigate in the laboratory, knows how to use everything, and can solve a problem that arises.

toxicologist, Dr. Jakub Toman



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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Music as a universal language. The American university choir was a great success with the Hradec audience.

The University of Findlay (Ohio, USA) established cooperation with the Department of Music of the Faculty of Education UHK, based on which conductor and choirmaster **SeaHwa Jung** came in the spring of 2023 as part of the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility program to prepare a repertoire for a joint concert with the choir and orchestra of UHK.

The success, mutual enthusiasm, and desire to continue resulted in a week-long „Czech tour“ of the Concert Chorale University of Findlay led by choirmaster SeaHwa Jung, which included several days in Hradec Králové from February 26 to March 1, 2023.



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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

International students spent the summer again in the classrooms of the University of Hradec Králové

The fact that UHK is also an attractive brand abroad is confirmed by the annual interest of international students in summer schools offered by university faculties. In 2023, over a hundred students came to study in Hradec Králové during the summer.

- Czech language teaching focused on visual arts (lessons in graphics, animation, batik, handmade paper production, plein air painting, and art therapy)
- Czech It Out Summer School (marketing, intercultural studies, business communication)
- Basic knowledge of Czech (with exploration of Czech culture in Hradec Králové and the entire region)
- Practical teaching of natural sciences (Geometry and topology, Applied Biology, Cybernetic systems, and Toxicology)



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Faculty of Informatics and Management UHK hosted the Academic Championship in esports

In May 2023, the adjacent spaces of the FIM UHK esports classroom were transformed into several provisional broadcasting studios from where the legendary college esports league was streamed.

A total of 14 Czech universities participated in the great match, preceded by two months of fierce competition in the form of group-stage matches and playoffs. The exciting games could be watched via stream or in person on campus.

Hearthstone, CS: GO, League of Legends



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The Na Soutoku campus turned green!

Václav Havel Square, the center of the Na Soutoku University campus, is known for its beautiful fountain and grassy areas where people can sit and relax. However, in the warmer months, the challenge of keeping these places pleasant for everyone is also present due to the unpleasant heat from insufficient shading.

In the spirit of sustainability and cooperation, dendrology students, faculty employees, and other volunteers, under the guidance of an experienced gardener, joined forces to plant new trees, which will form the basis for a greener and more welcoming environment.



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