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Charles University and its Faculty of Mathematics and Physics

Abstract:

In this contribution we will discuss the history and present of one of the oldest European universities, Charles University, located in Prague, Czech Republic. One of its 17 faculties is the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, which I have the honor to represent.

The Faculty of Mathematics and Physics recently celebrated 70th anniversary of its founding. During that time, it has become one of the most successful faculties of the entire University. Its scientific output represents more than a fifth of the scientific output of the entire University. We are also proud of having received a double-digit number of prestigious European ERC grants.

The faculty is divided into three parts, called Schools, namely the School of Mathematics, the School of Physics and the School of Computer Science. These three schools employ about 1,200 employees and about 3,500 students study in their study programs, of which about 2,000 study bachelor's programs, more than 700 master's programs and almost 700 students study in Ph.D. programs.

In the presentation, we will take a closer look at some of the above facts, and also introduce Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, where our University and Faculty are located.