



Czech
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ANNUAL REPORT

2019

By concentrating powers and resources to save the heritage of our country, we revive the places of our national identity and bring them back to life.

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Czech National Trust in 2019

INTRODUCTION

The Czech National Trust is an independent and non-profit organisation whose main goal is the conservation, protection and maintenance of cultural and natural heritage in the Czech Republic for generations to come. We strive to conserve, protect and maintain Czech heritage sites regardless of who their actual owners are, and we do so through our activities at sites which we either directly own or which we have been entrusted to us, and through close cooperation with site owners, volunteers, non-profit organisations and government bodies.

2019 was a significant year for the Czech National Trust (CNT). We celebrated our 5th anniversary by holding an international conference on the grounds of the Strahov Monastery in Prague. Numerous European experts in the field of cultural heritage conservation and historical monument care were invited to Prague, and together with their Czech counterparts they discussed the role of cultural heritage in the 21st century, as well as new sustainable ways of financing and supporting it so that it is relevant and delivers value.

CNT has also successfully entered the next phase of its own structural development in 2019 by undergoing a gradual internal reorganisation over the course of the year. The number of CNT Board of Directors members was reduced, while the position of our project managers has been strengthened quite significantly – Martin Krčma is now in charge of CNT projects in Moravia and Eva Heyd is responsible for Prague-based projects.

Last but not least, CNT has also been expanding abroad - mainly thanks to the support and activities of the Czech National Trust Abroad (CNTA), our sister organisation based in London. CNTA assists the CNT with securing funding, organising fundraising events and promoting the CNT abroad.

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CZECH NATIONAL TRUST (CNT) – IDENTIFICATION DATA

- The registered name of the organisation is Czech National Trust, o.p.s.
- Registered address: Mlýnská brána, Sněmovní náměstí 2/4, 767 01 Kroměříž, Czech Republic
- The Czech National Trust is a public benefit organisation which has been recorded in the register of companies since October 10, 2013, under file no. O 641 kept at the Regional Court in Brno, organisation ID: 02180481

CNT MEMBERSHIP IN EXPERT INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANISATIONS

CNT has been a full-fledged member of the International National Trusts Organisation – INTO, since 2015.

LONG-TERM GOALS OF THE CNT

- We strive to conserve and protect historical buildings, parks, landscapes and intangible heritage.
- We seek new sources of funding to support restoration activities at historical sites.
- We support, promote and foster the development of an effective voluntary and donor culture in the Czech Republic.
- We create education and skill-development opportunities for managers, experts, young professionals and volunteers.

Bodies of the Organisation

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Irena Edwards	Chair	irenaedwards@gmail.com
Vít Lukas (from October 7, 2019)	Member	arch@vitlukas.cz
Ondřej Daněk	Member	zamek@zameknm.cz
Martin Krčma (until October 7, 2019)	Member	
Richard Podstatzký (until October 7, 2019)	Member	
Eva Žallmannová (until October 7, 2019)	Member	
Zdeněk Lukeš (until October 7, 2019)	Member	
Daniel Špička (until October 7, 2019)	Member	
Kateřina Samojská (until October 7, 2019)	Member	

SUPERVISORY BOARD

Pavel Fára	Chair
Magdalena Součková	Member
Tomáš Porupka	Member

STATUTORY BODY

Eva Hejdová (until May 12, 2019)	Director	
Viera Hladišová (from July 1, 2019)	Director	viera@czechnationaltrust.org

Eva Heyd – CNT Project Manager for Prague-based projects – was nominated for the Governor of the Central Bohemian Region Award for her tireless work and activities in relation to the restoration and reconstruction of the castle in Rožmitál pod Třemšínem.

Irena Edwards – CNT Chair - was a speaker at the international Hay Festival in Wales in May 2019, where she took part in the discussion on national identity, European unity and cultural heritage.

THE YEAR 2019 AT CNT – OUR MAIN PROJECTS

ZDISLAVICE: THE TOMB AND CHAPEL OF MARIE VON EBNER – ESCHENBACH

The reconstruction of the terrace and of the tomb, restoration of stone features, setting of the posts and laying the paving – all of these works have significantly advanced in 2019. The metal terrace railing has also been made.

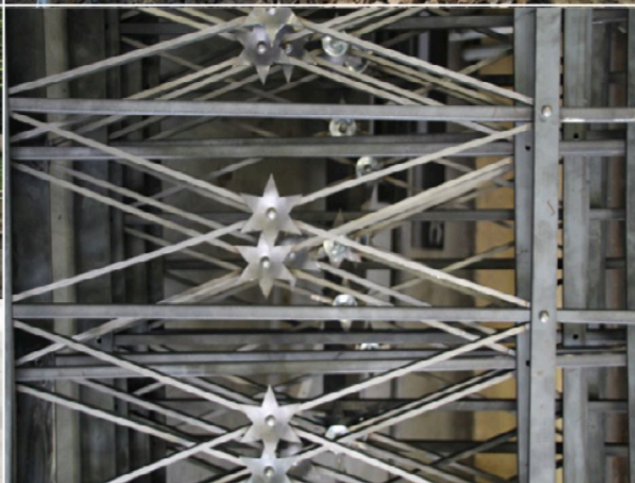
But we have also made significant advancements in terms of the memorial's surroundings. The drainage system on the access road to the tomb was repaired, the concrete steps were remediated and we managed to maintain the whole site on a regular basis throughout the year (including mowing the site regularly thanks to the SECO mowing machine which was kindly loaned to us by the SECO company). The gradual transformation of the park site into a flowering meadow has also begun.

Multiple successful events took place at the memorial site over the course of 2019 – guided tours of the park and the tomb, lectures, events for children from local schools and libraries, the Open Gardens Weekend and several weekend-long volunteering events.

The entire project is being funded by the Avast Foundation grant, and is largely supported by the owner of the neighbouring Zdislavice Chateau.



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PRAGUE PROJECTS

International Conference Organised by CNT - 'Our Heritage – For ever, for everyone'

The conference took place on June 18, 2019, in the Sumer Refectory of the Strahov Monastery in Prague. This international conference was held under the auspices of Petr Burgr, Councilor for Culture for the Prague 1 district, and of Prof. Ing. arch. Ladislav Lábus, Dean of the Faculty of Architecture at Czech Technical University. Seventeen Czech and international experts in the field of cultural heritage and architecture discussed role of cultural heritage in the 21st century. Tim Parker, Chairman of the National Trust of England, Wales & Northern Ireland, was the Guest of Honour.



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Meteorological Posts

The ceremonial unveiling of the restored meteorological post in the Prague 6 district of Dejvice took place on November 11, 2019. At the same time, the Dejvice district authority summoned the role of the main caretaker for this meteorological post.



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The Winged Arrow by Otto Gutfreund

We continued our efforts to return the replica of Otto Gutfreund's famous sculpture – the Winged Arrow – back to its original location on the roof of the Škoda Palace located on Jungmannova street at the heart of Prague. The most significant events in support of this CNT project were two charity auctions which we organised in cooperation with Artinbox Gallery. These charity auctions took place in March and in December 2019.



The Diamant Passage

The attention of everyone passing by the Diamant cubist arch, originally designed by Czech architect Emil Králíček, has recently been drawn to its brand-new plastering and shiny metal covering. This arch was successfully restored in 2019 thanks to a grant provided by the Civic Forum Foundation and to our continuous support. Once finally restored, the Saint John of Nepomuk statue will be placed into the alcove under the arch. This statue is the property of the Prague City Hall and is currently being restored by the Prague City Gallery.

CNT ACTIVITIES IN 2019

VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES

Working Holidays at Hukvaldy Chateau in Moravia

An international volunteer working holiday event, with participants from the United Kingdom, was held during the first week of September 2019. It was organized in cooperation with the Archdiocese of Olomouc. The whole event was led by our volunteer event managers from northern Moravia and its main goal were maintenance works both in the newly restored chateau park and in the forest preserve in Hukvaldy (such as painting the entrance gate to the chateau site, landscaping the chateau garden or helping out in the vicarage). Event participants also had the opportunity to enjoy short excursions to the surrounding region, visiting the Kunín Castle, Lower Vítkovice site, Štramberk and Příbor.

Working Holidays in Rožmitál pod Třemšínem

Seven British participants – all from different parts of England – came to the castle in Rožmitál pod Třemšínem as part of the Working Holidays event in the summer of 2019. Together with our local volunteers, they created a fantastic working team. And what did we manage to do? We cleared the landing in the tower, moved an astounding amount of sand there and began to lay dry the floor tiles. A third of the castle hallway has also been almost finished. Furthermore, we cleared out the large cellar of the former brewery which leads to a medieval spiral staircase, we scraped off layers of paint in the former office and prepared the room for a new plaster. And last but not least, we also stacked the precious African wood in the cellar in such a way that will prevent it from getting wet and we continued our maintenance works on the courtyard floor.



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Charity concerts to save the music archive in Kroměříž

We organized five charity concerts over the course of 2019, all of which took place at Kroměříž Chateau. The proceeds from such concerts always go towards the restoration of the rare manuscripts from the chateau music archive. The profit from this year's concerts reached the total of CZK 40 382/EUR 1582 and it will be used for the restoration of manuscripts by Ludwig van Beethoven and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Public Charity Collections

- Zdislavice Memorial Collection – the total of CZK 22 564 was raised in 2019
- Kroměříž Music Archive Collection – the total of CZK 40 382 was raised in 2019

Celebrating the 5th CNT anniversary in London

On December 10, 2019, we celebrated CNT's 5th anniversary at the Czech Embassy in London with an introduction to our project Ticket to the New World, screening of a film called Thomas Messer: My Life with Guggenheim and with an update on our achievements.

The castle in Rožmitál bustles with life

The castle in Rožmitál pod Třemšínem has undergone quite a transformation. The local civic association called Rožmitálský zámek a.s. hosted tens of volunteering events in cooperation with the CNT. Part of the castle site has been transformed into an exhibition venue and a theatre hall – it has been connected to the electricity network and a toilet facility has also been built. Further works which were finished in 2019 include the reparation of the castle bridge and of the paving in the entrance gate area, a clear-out of the brewery cellar and of the courtyard, as well as the removal of a landfill by the outer castle wall. A historical festival celebrating Queen Joan took place on the castle grounds in June for the first time ever. Participants of the Queen Joan parade, which was part of the festival, rode on horses through the castle grounds for the first time in what has been more than 500 years!



Business Report for the period January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Ing. Martina Šlesingerová, with registration number 63092247 and registered office at Milady Horákové 847/92, 170 00, Praha 7 – Bubeneč, kept the books for the Czech National Trust for the year 2018.

The corporate income tax return for 2019 was prepared by EDM Utilitas Tax s.r.o., a company registered in the Chamber of Tax Advisers of the Czech Republic database of companies providing tax consultancy, represented by Monika Ruprechtová, Executive Director, tax advisor reg. no. 2911.

KEY BUSINESS OPERATION OF THE ORGANISATION

The business result of the organisation's main operation is a profit of CZK 22, 882.

The total income from financial gifts received in 2019 is CZK 658, 102. Given the obligation to use these financial gifts solely to finance specific projects, these gifts were first booked as own resources of the organisation in the individual fund accounts, and their actual use amounting to the total of CZK 482, 825 on December 31, 2019, was booked as earnings.

In 2019, CNT also received grants from the Prague Municipal Authority and from the Prague 1 District Authority, which amounted to the total of CZK 110, 000. These grants were booked as earnings after being fully used.

The most significant project of 2019, which took place as part of the key business operation of the organisation, was the **international conference** through which CNT celebrated its 5th anniversary. The main topic of the conference was the role of cultural heritage in the 21st century and the new ways of financing and supporting it so that it is sustainable, relevant and delivers value. The tagline of the conference was **“Our Heritage – For ever, for everyone”** and it took place in June 2019 on the grounds of the spectacular Strahov Monastery in Prague. CNT received two grants to help fund this conference: a grant of CZK 30, 000 was received from the Prague 1 District Authority, and a grant of CZK 80, 000 was received from the Prague Municipal Authority. The remaining conference costs, amounting to CZK 120, 044, were financed from financial gifts received mainly from the International National Trusts Organisation and from Czech Tourism. Due to the nature of their use, the grants and financial gifts received to fund this project were booked as earnings in the 2019 tax period. The total project costs amounted to CZK 214, 864.

The main project of the year 2019 – the above-mentioned anniversary conference – and also the ongoing renovation of the Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach tomb and memorial in Zdislavice - completion of which is estimated to take place in 2020 - were both financed from these sources of funding. These sources of funding were also used to fund the meteorological posts project, as part of which 2 meteorological posts were renovated in 2019 in cooperation with the Prague Municipal Authority, Penta Investments and the Czech Hydrometeorological Institute. A smaller part of these sources of funding was used for the maintenance of the adopted tomb of Marie Dostálová, located in the Olšany cemetery in Prague, and for the revitalisation of the castle in Rožmitál.

In terms of years to come, the organisation has at its disposal the received, and for the time being not used, financial gifts not yet booked to the benefit of funds **amounting to the total of CZK 2, 149, 590**. These gifts are registered on the accounts of the organisation's own funds at the end of the tax period.

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On December 31st, 2019, the total balance in bank accounts and in cash is **CZK 874, 161.14.**

On December 31st, 2019, the organisation registers liabilities towards contractors amounting to the total of CZK 10, 000; liabilities towards employees (December 2019 wages) amounting to CZK 2, 068; and other liabilities towards employees, social security and health insurance authorities as well as the revenue authority that are amounting to the total of CZK 3, 198. All of these debts were settled at the beginning of the following accounting period.

As has been mentioned above, in accordance with ČÚS no. 413. Own Resources the financial gifts received solely for the purpose of financing the key business operation of the organisation were not booked into the earnings category number 6, but were booked to the fund accounts in the own assets of the organisation instead. Drawing from these funds according to the actual spending was executed by the balance sheet date at the latest. Since all of the received financial gifts were provided in accordance with the key business operation of the organisation and with the local § 20 odst. 8 zákona č. 586/1992 Sb., o daních z příjmů („ZDP“) law, this income in the organisation's tax return was freed from the corporate tax according to the local § 19b odst. 2) písm. b) bod 1. ZDP law.

A decrease in the tax base by CZK 160, 259 was applied in accordance with the § 20 odst. 7) ZDP law for the 2019 tax period. This **tax saving of CZK 30, 500** will be used by the organisation in the next tax period for the purposes of the main, non-business activity.

True and correct:

EDM Utilitas Tax, s.r.o.

Ing. Monika Ruprechtová, Executive Director

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