

# 59th Year of the Summer School of Slavonic Studies

On 20 August 2015, the final evening of the 59th year of the Summer School of Slavonic Studies was held in the Karolinum great hall. The summer school lasted for a month and offered 139 students from 36 countries a unique opportunity to study Czech language, literature, culture and history at the Faculty of Arts in Prague.

Most of the participants were teachers of Czech and Slavonic studies from universities abroad, but other students had different motivation – some of them wanted to learn more about the Czech Republic, others chose the course as a preparation for a degree programme in Czech. During the summer school, the students had the chance to take part in various social and cultural activities, including concerts, theatre performances and trips, among others to Plzeň, Mariánské Lázně, Terezín, and Kuks.

The 60th year of the Summer School of Slavonic Studies will commence in July 2016. As part of this anniversary installment, the 8th international symposium on Czech abroad will be held, on the occasion of the 700th anniversary of the birth of king Charles IV, the founder of the Prague university.