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on Few-Body Problems in Physics

Proposal for the 26th European Few-Body Conference to be held in Prague, Czech Republic

Venue and Host Institutions

The Conference will take place at the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Charles University (Troja Campus) and will be hosted by Nuclear Physics Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences (ÚJF, Řež) and Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Charles University (MFF UK, Prague).

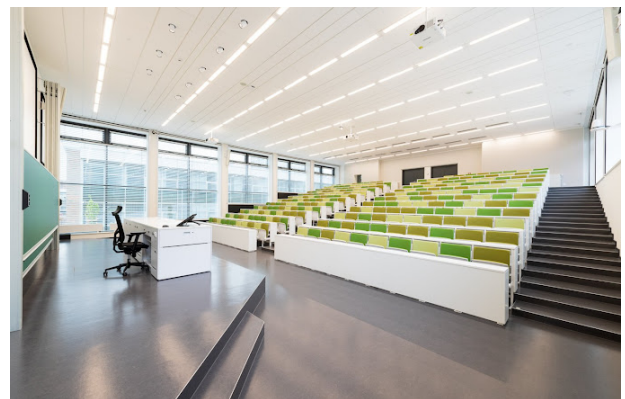
Charles University (Latin: Universitas Carolina) is the oldest and largest university in the Czech Republic. It is one of the oldest universities in Europe in continuous operation.

The Czech Academy of Sciences is the leading non-university public research institution in the Czech Republic. Its tradition goes back to the Royal Bohemian Society of Sciences founded in 1784. The Academy conducts both fundamental and strategic applied research. The Nuclear Physics Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences, a public research institution, conducts research in a broad field of nuclear physics, experimental as well as theoretical.

Prague with its rich history and stunning architecture is one of the world's most popular tourist destinations. It is classified as an "Alpha-" global city according to GaWC studies. Prague ranked sixth in the Tripadvisor world list of best destinations in 2016 (fifth in 2014). Furthermore, the city was ranked 7th in the world ICCA Destination Performance Index measuring performance of conference tourism in 2021.

Travel

Due to its location in the heart of Europe, Prague is easily accessible. The most popular ways of getting to Prague are by plane or by train. Prague has an extensive public transport network that is rated as one of the best and most reliable in Europe.



Troja Campus, transport: It is possible to travel to Troja by public transport, the closest bus stops being “Kuchyňka” and “Pelc Tyrolka”. Alternatively, the campus is about 15 minutes walk from the metro station “Nádraží Holešovice” (line C). It is also possible to drive to the campus by car. It is possible to park in front of the main entrance or in the courtyard; parking is free and accessible nonstop.

Local Organizing Committee (preliminary)

The conference will be organized by a mixed committee of scientists from ÚJF, Řež and MFF UK, Prague. The local organizing committee will include:

- Nina Shevchenko, chair (ÚJF, Řež; theory)
- Martin Čížek (MFF UK, Prague; theory)
- Zdeněk Doležal (MFF UK, Prague; experiment)
- Tomáš Dytrych (ÚJF, Řež; theory)
- Daniel Gazda (ÚJF, Řež; theory)
- Karel Houfek (MFF UK, Prague; theory)
- Jiří Mareš (ÚJF, Řež; theory)
- Zdeněk Mašín (MFF UK, Prague; theory)

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International Advisory Committee and time schedule

Members will be chosen from the lists of advisors from past conferences. New names will be added in consultation with the European few-body research committee to ensure that all areas of few-body research are covered.

We assume to set the IAC to the summer 2024, they will be asked to suggest the invited speakers. The first announce about the EFB26 conference will be done in the autumn 2024, the web page should be already ready at that time.

Topics

The following topics will be covered at the conference:

- Nuclei and hypernuclei
- Hadron physics
- Electroweak processes
- Nuclear astrophysics
- Cold atoms and quantum gases
- Atoms and molecules
- Few-body methods
- Few-body aspects of many-body systems

Scientific program

We will maintain the traditional structure of few-body conferences lasting 5 days, from Monday to Friday. We will leave Wednesday afternoon for excursion and/or discussions. We will have plenary sessions in the mornings and parallel sessions in the afternoons. There will be about 30 plenary talks lasting 30 minutes, including the talks by young researcher awardees. Depending on the total number of participants we will have either two or three parallel sessions. We will have a poster session as well. We also plan to host a public lecture of general interest for participants and the public on a topic related to the conference theme.

Social program

Social program will include a welcome reception (at MFF UK), conference dinner (in the Prague center). We also will organize Prague city center excursion and excursions to ÚJF / MFF UK laboratories.

Registration fee will include

Conference kit, coffee breaks, lunches, welcome reception, conference dinner, excursions plus meeting rooms, audio visual equipment, free WiFi. We will have an early bird registration fee and reduced fee for students. No on-line participants are planned.

Lunches (preliminary) will be organized at Menza Troja (Pátkova 3, Praha 8), in walking distance from the conference place.

Budget

We assumed 150 participants, among them 30 students in estimating the conference fee. We hope to get extra funding from the NPI and will apply for support from NUPECC. In addition, we will use any other emerging opportunity to apply for the conference support, thereby reducing the fee and making support possible for those with special circumstances.

We plan to publish proceedings online or to use the same scheme as at the EFB25 conference, when the journal "Few Body Systems" publish a special issue with the papers from oral presenters and selected posters (if editors of FBS agree).

We plan to keep the fees at the level of the EFB25 conference:

	Price in EUR
Early-bird fee	500
Full fee	550
Early-bird student fee	350
Full student fee	400

Accommodation

Accommodation will not be included in the registration fee and must be organized by the participants. Prague offers many possibilities for accommodation which can be found using usual booking portals. Close to “Nádraží Holešovice” metro station are situated: Plaza Prague Hotel, Hotel Extol Inn Praha, Hotel Expo, Hotel Castle Residence. We intend to arrange accommodation for reduced rates in selected hotels during the time of the conference. The typical current costs per night ranges from about 75 EUR.

For students we plan to arrange and offer inexpensive accommodation at the nearby dormitory “Kolej 17. Listopadu”.

Other information

Academic and Medical Conference Agency (AMCA) Services of AMCA will be used for registration, conference fee collecting, book of abstract printing, catering, social dinner.

Visa requirements Czech Republic does not require visas from EU/EEA citizens for stays of any duration or for any purpose. Citizens of Australia, Brazil, Canada, Israel, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, South Korea, Taiwan, the US and some other countries will also not need a visa for stays of up to 90 days. Citizens of China, India, Iran, Pakistan, Russia, South Africa, Turkey and some other countries require a visa.

Weather Daytime high temperatures in Prague tend to be around 24 °C early in August but fall off to near 21-22 °C near the month's end. A few of the warmer afternoons, especially early in August, can reach up near 31 °C.