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Annual Report

Wikimedia Czech Republic in year 2013

About Wikimedia Czech Republic

Wikimedia Czech Republic (abbrev. as WMCZ) is a non-governmental organisation founded in 2008. It aims to support and promote the free culture and especially the projects of Wikimedia Foundation such as Wikipedia in the region of the Czech Republic. It is an officially affiliated chapter of Wikimedia Foundation.

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members – volunteers

0

employees

Formal bodies

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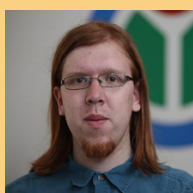


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Members and Internal Affairs

General Assembly 2013

General assembly in April 2013 was **attended by 28 members**. The body made several amendments to the bylaws regarding the **cooperation with young and senior people**. This marked the future direction taken by the chapter, i.e. some of the projects organized in 2013. There were also amendments to the rules of procedure, adopting an obligation for members to disclose their full name and e-mail address to their fellows. A clause was also added to better define the mail voting system. The annual report was approved by the general assembly. The financial report was approved upon several amendments in a mail vote.

General assembly also approved the annual report of the audit committee. Budget and annual plan were approved in the mail vote.

Future funding of the chapter via the **Funds Dissemination Committee** (FDC) was discussed, as well as the means of communicating with the audit committee, rules of reimbursement or ways to fund possible future employees.



Board and Other Chapter Bodies

Board election was held during the general assembly in April 2013. A board consisting of Michal Reiter (chairman), Jan Loužek (vice-chairman), Vojtěch Dostál, Jaroslav Zastoupil and Dominik Matus. The board members have voted for Jan Loužek as a vice-chairman. At the end of the year, Michal Reiter announced his resignation for the chairmanship which would be valid from the 2014 general assembly.

The changes in the bylaws adopted during the general assembly 2013 have forced the board to expel two chapter members.

The members of the audit committee did not complete their term of office when the chairman of the committee resigned and left the chapter.

Miscellaneous

Wikipedian meetings did not lose their periodicity and took place **in Prague ten times and in Brno twice**.

The webpage of the chapter has been revised and improved thanks to a joint effort of Jan Loužek, Jan Lochman, Dominik Matus and others. It now runs using the same system as Wikipedia and offers more detailed and complex information on the activities of Wikimedia Czech Republic. Public awareness has been greatly improved by an effort of Vojtěch Dostál who multiplied the content of the chapter blog.

Grants

Chapter project funding is based on a system of three grants awarded at the beginning of 2014 – Mediagrant II (MG), Presentation & Outreach II (P&O) and Communities. These grants fall into the Projects and Events Grants (PEG) system of Wikimedia Foundation and the first two are direct descendants of our two former grants. In 2014, the chapter also applied for the FDC grant. After negotiations with the FDC committee, it was recommended that the current system of PEG grants continues, only adding a third grant to develop community and run the office. There are ongoing discussions over the future grant direction of the chapter.

Presentation & Outreach

This grant running since December 2010 was successfully completed in November 2013. A total number of **90 receipts** ('tickets') was administered, amounting to **202,000 CZK**. In 2013, competition Wiki Loves Monuments and the annual Wikiconference were supported from this grant. It also included printed promotional material such as a memory game ('pexeso'), magazine, presentation blinds, etc. The support continues as the Presentation & Outreach II grant.



Mediagrant

Mediagrant is a versatile grant program supporting free multimedia acquisition by Wikimedians and free culture participants. The program enabled us to buy photographic equipment, organize several photographic workshops, and take as much as **49,400 pictures** of villages, protected areas, Jewish monuments, vernacular architecture, local events or scientific objects. A total number of **13,949 pictures is currently used** to illustrate articles on Wikimedia pages such as Wikipedia. **3,730 book pages** were scanned for Wikisource. In three years, Mediagrant paid out 193,767 CZK and was finished on 15th October 2013. It currently continues as the Mediagrant II, started on 15th January 2014.

Communities

Year 2013 gave rise to an ever-growing problem of non-existent chapter office and stabilized but stagnant communities around Wikimedia projects. The number of WMCZ members has been about the same for a few years. Grant "Communities" was designed to solve a multitude of problems related to the community support. First, it is essential to provide a basic platform for meetings of Wikimedians, which is the new office. At the end of 2013, we were able to reconstruct it and partially refurbish it. The rest of the office reconstruction activities are planned for 2014.

The grant also provides financial support for gaining experience within the international Wiki movement and opens doors to various edit-a-thons, workshops and other activities, which will be centred on newcomers and those interested in learning about Wikipedia.

New Office

The chapter has relocated its office from the Board Game Club Paluba in Prague-Smíchov to new premises at Konopištská 790/3, Prague-Vršovice. This office was rented from Municipal district Prague 10 which kindly offered the place for rent. It will serve as a hub for Wikimedian and Wikipedian activities and will materialize the spirit of the movement. During the first months of 2014, the office was reconstructed and equipped with elementary furniture, in order to serve to members and the wider public. There have already been several meet-ups, both formal and informal, while workshops and edit-a-thons are in a state of preparation.



Projects

Wiki Loves Monuments

The worldwide **photographic competition** Wiki Loves Monuments, aiming to document historical monuments, took part **for the second time** in the Czech Republic in 2013. The competition was organized under the patronage of the **National Heritage Institute** and the Silesian Museum. The number of uploaded pictures went considerably **down from 17,118 to 6,370**. Organizers attribute this to a fact that many easily accessible monuments have already been photographed. A big international success is the **eighth place for a picture** of Zbraslav Castle taken by a Czech photographer.



Students Write Wikipedia

This successful Czech **program integrates schools** (mainly universities) **into writing and improving Wikipedia**. The program is maintained by a team of volunteers from several cities and is supported by Wikipedians who guide new students. In each school term, more than 5 projects were executed at **universities in Prague, Olomouc or Brno**. The most eagerly participating institutions are the **Faculty of Science, Charles University** in Prague, and the **Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University** in Brno. Newly established bonds include the Book Heritage High School in Prague and University of Economics, Prague. Students create or improve about **200 articles** each school year. As in the English Wikipedia, the program uses the Education extension for maintaining and controlling courses and students. New guidelines were written for students and an interactive help was added to the interface. The Czech program becomes an inspiration for other countries and the chapter has its representative in an advisory committee of Wikimedia Foundation called "Education Cooperative".

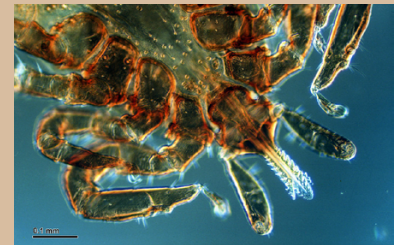


Czechoslovak Wikipedia

In August 2013, Marek Blahuš started a project which aims at **improving cooperation between the Slovak and Czech community** of Wikipedians. A tool which translates Slovak articles to Czech, and visa versa, was written using Google Translate to partially automatize the process of translation. More than **400 articles were translated** in 2013 using this tool.

GLAM

An initiative named after an abbreviation of Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums is a platform for cooperation of Wikipedia and these institutions. A **new partnership** was initiated with the **Pilgrimage Church of Saint Jan of Nepomuk**. This created an opportunity to take **77 pictures** of the church and surrounding objects. A mutual cooperation was agreed upon. The cooperation with the **Nativity Scene Museum in Třebechovice** continued, and, as it moved into a new building, the whole disassembly and transfer process was documented by Wikimedians. A new quality article has been devoted to the Probošt Nativity Scene. Chapter also attended the **Silesian Museum Night** again. The Silesian museum had its exhibit upgraded by **QR codes on 50 objects**. These codes are linked to articles about the objects written in cooperation with the museum. Additionally, the whole archive of **384 pictures** from a deceased doctor and science popularizator **doc. Josef Reischig**, was uploaded to Commons.



Protected Areas

This WikiProject with a multitude of outcomes into virtual and real life continued with its efforts in 2013. It concentrates on promoting Wikipedia to its **target group – people interested in nature and the environment**. A campaign is running on social sites, several articles were written for Astorník magazine and an interview for Wikimedium magazine was published. This public outreach finds new volunteers for article writing on Wikipedia and, even more, photographing protected areas for Wikimedia Commons. As a part of the program, students of **Faculty of Science, Charles University**, write high-quality articles



about protected areas (this part of the project can be seen as a Students Write Wikipedia collaboration). In spring 2014 there will be a photographic exhibition in the building of Academy of Sciences in Prague.



Attending International Events

Wikimedia Conference

In April 2013, there was a meeting of 152 chapter representatives from various parts of the world in Milan, Italy. The Czech Republic was represented by **Jan Loužek**. This annual conference hosts discussions on chapter organization and future plans. **Vojtěch Dostál** attended the meeting of program leaders who organize collaborations with universities (Education Leaders Workshop). New Wikipedia extension for Education programs, as well as senior citizen projects, were discussed.



Wikiexpedition to Chernobyl Exclusion Zone



Wikimedia Ukraine organized a wikiexpedition to the nuclear power station Chernobyl area in May 2013. A total number of **32 Wikipedians attended** including **Jan Groh**, our member. The participants visited the towns of Chernobyl, Pripyat and the nuclear power station itself. After they arrived back to Kyiv, there was a small conference the day after. The Ukrainians presented their projects of international cooperation. Workshops during which a group of Wikipedians documents the whole city with pictures and articles were also mentioned. Czech projects which gained attention included the Students Write Wikipedia program and the 10 years Wikipedia anniversary concert in Prague. Polish colleagues talked about Wiki Loves Monuments competition and the Ukrainians mentioned the Wiki Loves Earth contest, aimed at natural points of interest. The blacklisting of Russian Wikipedia by the government and a ban of several Russian articles was also briefly discussed.

Program Evaluation and Design Workshop

A two-day workshop in Budapest was attended by **Dominik Matus** of the Czech chapter. Many people from all over the world, who organize projects promoting and supporting Wikimedia projects, attended the meeting. The principal topics were **how to evaluate programs and their effects**, as well as project efficiency. The Czech Students Write Wikipedia project was also briefly introduced.



WikiConference Yerevan



The Armenians organized a wikiconference in Yerevan for the second time. The main stress was put on the **Armenian community of Wikipedians**. **Vojtěch Dostál** from the Czech chapter mentioned his experience with the Czech Students Write Wikipedia program. The whole event was a refreshing exchange of ideas and inspirations.

Wikimania

The ninth Wikimania took place in Hong Kong in August 2013, with about **700 attendants from 88 countries**. Thanks to Wikimedia Poland scholarships, **Marek Blahuš** (Blahma) and Danny B. attended the event. The first of them also gave a lecture in a section devoted to **inter-language translation tools** and also took part in a pre-conference tech meeting. A total number of 100 lectures were selected from 300 proposals.



Wikimedia CEE Meeting



Representatives of **Central and Eastern European chapters** met in Modra, Slovakia, in November 2013. This so-called CEE meeting was attended by three Czech chapter members. **Marek Blahuš** gave a speech on his Czechoslovak Wikipedia project. General discussions concentrated on international cooperation.

Public relations

At the end of November, **the fifth Wikiconference** took place in Prague. In total, **107 visitors** signed up at the registration desk, which is 20% more than last year. The whole event was organized in the building of the Faculty of Science, Charles University in Prague, under the patronage of the dean. This time, the conference was upgraded by having two parallel programs – one with 13 lectures and prize awarding ceremonies, the second with 6 workshops. Among others, professor Jan Sokol and Czech Broadcasting Service and TV representatives gave a speech. The records of the lectures are freely accessible at slideslive.com/wikipedia.

The chapter took part in the "**12 Months for 12 NGOs**" event, promoting Wikipedia for free for one month by a large banner at Milada Horakova Street in Prague. This banner was designed for the "Don't Keep It To Yourself" campaign.

Best writers of articles, chosen from a list of 25 financial topics, were awarded a prize at the second **Day of Financial Literacy** contest, organized in cooperation with the Partners company.

The chapter also published two issues of the **Wikimedium magazine** (12 and 16 pages).

Wikimedia Czech Republic presented Wikipedia and related activities at **book fairs in Ostrava** (for the 3rd time) and **Havlíčkův Brod** (for the 5th time).

The chairman of Wikimedia Czech Republic, **Michal Reiter**, gave an **interview** several times for TV and other media. Articles on chapter projects and Wikipedia news were published in major Czech newspapers.

Financial information

The Wikimedia Czech Republic chapter strives for a transparent financing and all cashless transfers are made on a set of transparent accounts. These accounts are published on the official chapter website at www.wikimedia.cz/web/Accounts. The grantmaking can also be accessed via a public database at tracker.wikimedia.org. In 2013, the chapter mainly managed the remaining funds from the previous years, refunded a part of them and prepared for new grants which were subsequently launched in 2014. Detailed information can be found in the *Annual Financial Report*, published on our official website.

Balance-sheet

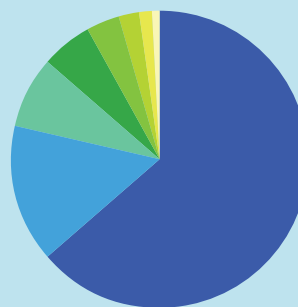
	1st January 2013	31 December 2013
Cash desk	16,911,00 Kč	8,716.00 CZK
Bank accounts	629,708,58 Kč	116,402.10 CZK
Total	646,619,58 Kč	125,118.10 CZK

Main income

Item name	Sum
Membership fees	6,550.00 CZK
Donations	25,100.00 CZK
	31,650.00 CZK

Main expenses

Item name	Sum
Travel expenses	78,061.87 CZK
Economic and law service	18,150.00 CZK
Wikiconference	8,008.86 CZK
Rent and office maintenance	3,010.00 CZK
Promotional items	41,881.95 CZK
Fairs and presentation	29,105.95 CZK
Side costs	12,254.00 CZK
Grant money refund to WMF	335,564.57 CZK
Total	526,037.20 CZK



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