



6th International Anthropological Congress of Dr. Aleš Hrdlička

International Anthropological Congress of Dr. Aleš Hrdlička, which takes place every ten years, was held from 3rd to 5th September 2019 in the town Humpolec (Czech Republic), the birthplace of this world famous anthropologist 150 years ago. The congress was organised by The Czech Anthropological Society and the town of Humpolec, the congress also included the 21st Prague-Lublin-Sydney-St. Petersburg Symposium. The opening ceremony was hosted by Eva Drozdová, the President of Czech Anthropological Society; Karel Kratochvíl, the Mayor of Humpolec and Josef Hyánek, honorary president of the Society for Connective

Tissues of The Czech Medical Association. The introduction was followed by the first plenary session. Jane E. Buikstra in her presentation spoke about Aleš Hrdlička's vision of research in physical anthropology and his legacy in American anthropology. Pavel Bláha prepared a presentation dealing with history of Congress of Dr. Aleš Hrdlička. In other plenary sessions, Maria Kaczmarek spoke about female reproductive potential throughout life from an anthropological perspective; Elizaveta V. Veselovkaya introduced a history and recent achievements of the Russian school of anthropological reconstruction, the team of Ivo Mařík prepared a presentation about Orthopedic Anthropology and Ctibor Povýšil with Václav Smrčka presented microscopic principles for



FIGURE 1: Participants of the 6th International Anthropological Congress of Dr. Aleš Hrdlička. Photo taken by dron (<http://www.iacah.eu/fotogalerie/>)

the differentiation of diagenetic and pathological intravital changes in archaeological bones.

The scientific program of the Congress consisted of two poster sessions and eight oral presentation sessions with the following topics: Dr. Aleš Hrdlička and Social Anthropology, Auxology, Anthropogenetics, Palaeopathology, Palaeoanthropology and varia, Clinical Anthropology, Forensic Anthropology and Anthropology in response to natural disasters and wars, and Historical anthropology. Another five sessions took place in the 21st Prague-Lublin-Sydney-St. Petersburg Symposium dealing with biomechanics and bone growth. Altogether, over 150 scientists from dozens of countries presented more than 60 oral presentations and 30 posters during the congress, covering the newest progress and trends in a wide spectrum of anthropological branches.

At a special ceremony, Hrdlička memorial medals for achievements in the field of anthropology were presented to Jane E. Buikstra, Maria Kaczmarek, Ivo Mařík, Elizaveta V. Veselovskaya, Alena Němečková and Petr Sedlak. The Dr. Aleš Hrdlička award for exceptional dissertations was won by Kristýna Brzobohatá, Dana Fialová and Kateřina Vymazalová.

During the conference there was also a rich social program in the form of a dinner, concerts, guided city tours and excursions to the Lipnice castle and Želiv monastery. The congress was very well organized and as usual, it offered the opportunities to meet many colleagues, discuss their research and thus deepen scientific cooperation during both the scientific and social part of the conference programme.

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