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Humanity – Technology – Civilization

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Venue: Československý ústav zahraniční, Karmelitská 25, Prague 1 (2nd floor)

9.00 – 9.30 *Registration*

9.30 – 9.35 *Conference Opening, Introductory Remarks*

9.35 – 12.00

Panel: ***Aging and Old Age: From Technological and Medical Perspectives***

David Lukáš: Aging of Nanofibrous Materials

Eric Gottlieb: The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on the Practice of Mathematics

Břetislav Friedrich: Episodes from the Quantum Revolution

Discussion

12.00 – 13.00 *Lunch break*

13.00 – 15.00

Panel: ***Medicine***

Petr Souček: Three Decades, One Patient: Connecting the Retina, Genetics, and Complement System in Early-Onset Drusen Maculopathy

Ondřej Masner: The Use of the Psychosomatic Approach in Modern Medicine

Panel: ***Trade, Money, and War in History***

Petr Vorel: Prague as a Center of Trade and Finance at the Beginning of the 17th Century

Hana Hlaváčková: The History and Importance of the Czechoslovak Foreign Institute

Discussion

15.00 – 15.20 *Cofee break*

15. 20 – 16. 30 ***Discussion on the Evaluation of science***

Speakers: Libor Čapek, Pavel Doleček, Libor Grubhoffer, Jiří Málek,

18. 00 *Banquet*

List of Speakers

Prof. Ing. Libor Čapek, Ph.D., Rector of University of Pardubice

PhDr. Pavel Doleček, Ph.D., Technology Agency of the Czech Republic

Prof. Dr. Břetislav Friedrich, Fritz-Haber-Institut der Max-Planck-Gesellschaft, Berlin

Eric Gottlieb, PhD., Associate Professor of Mathematics, Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee

Prof. RNDr. Libor Grubhoffer, CSc., dr. h. c. mult., Director of Biology Centre CAS, České Budějovice

Hana Hlaváčková, Chairwoman, Czechoslovak Foreign Institute, Prague

Prof. RNDr. David Lukáš, CSc., Technical University of Liberec

Prof. Ing. Jiří Málek, DrSc., University of Pardubice

Doc. MUDr. Petr Souček, Ph.D., Clinical Ophthalmology Centre, Prague

Prof. PhDr. Petr Vorel, CSc., University of Pardubice

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