

**EUSJA General Assembly 2026 • Czech Republic
&
the 55th EUSJA Anniversary • Brno • 26 – 29 March 2026**

**A photo summary of what we saw and what we
have learnt about the Moravian capital**



- *Thursday 26 of March*

Water Tanks – Mysterious underground cathedrals under Žlutý kopec (Yellow Hill) from 1874, 1894 and 1917 served as reservoirs of fresh water for the city until 1997. Now open to the public as a cultural monument.



Restaurant At the Queen Elisabeth's hidden behind the Augustinian Abbey

- *Friday 27 of March*

CEITEC – Central European Institute of Technology – A multidisciplinary science center with a state-of-the-art research infrastructure was established 15 years ago to put together excellent research teams of six partner universities and institutions.

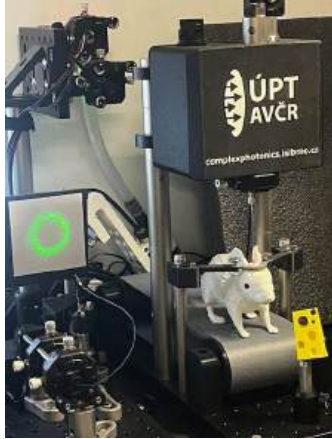
CEITEC BUT – Brno University of Technology introduced by deputy director Pavel Krečmer.





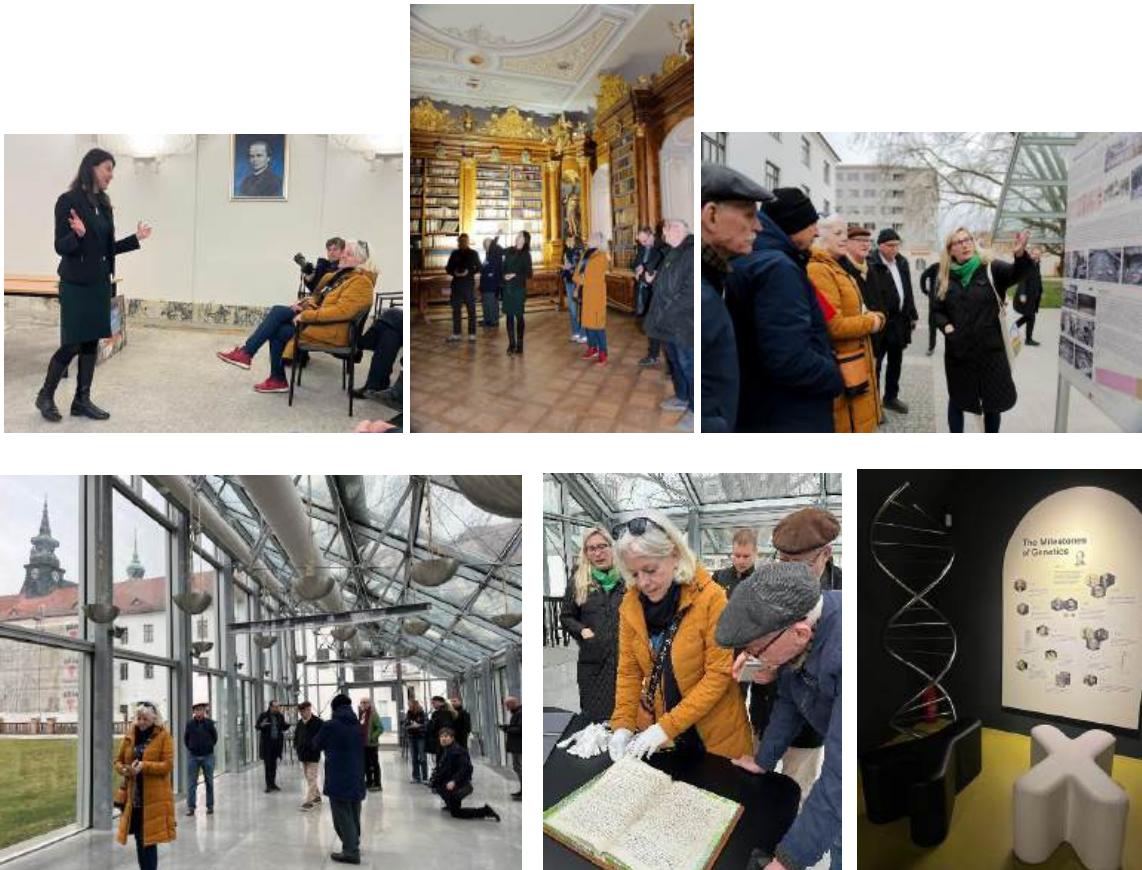
Institute of Scientific Instruments, Czech Academy of Sciences – Did you know that one third of overall world production of electron microscopes comes from Brno? We saw the newest addition: NION at ultraSTEM lab, which allows for observing individual atoms. Only about 12 of such microscopes are in research centers around Europe. The institute introduced by ISI director professor Josef Lazar and the laboratory leaders focuses on multidisciplinary research in physics and advanced engineering, combining new diagnostic methods, novel instrumentation principles from the macroscopic to the quantum regimes.. In closing of our visit, we engaged in lively discussion on promoting science.





Augustinian Abbey – This is where Johann Gregor Mendel set the principles of modern genetics. Historical **library**, modern **greenhouse** reconstruction built on the original floor plan and a facsimile of the main Mendel's work *Versuche über Pflanzen Hybriden*, as well as the **Mendel museum** were introduced by Jakub Carda and Blanka Křížová.

Also, the story of Jaroslav Kříženecký – the Czech scientist focused on genetics arrested by communists – was briefly introduced. He was one of the founders of the Mendel museum.



55th EUSJA Anniversary – In *Café Mendel* of the Mendel Museum. Thanks to the generosity of the Augustinian Abbey, we enjoyed Moravian hospitality while remembering many interesting chapters of EUSJA history.



• *Saturday 28 of March*

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Presscentre of the South Moravia Journalists Syndicate – The historical Municipal house

Jan Trojan, chair of the South Moravia Journalists Syndicate welcomed us to the premises of the syndicate which also provided us with refreshments throughout the meeting.

What does each EUSJA country have in common with Brno? Miloš Šenkýř, the vice-president of the Czech Journalist Syndicate elaborated an excellent historical excursus proving the rich array of connections.



Brief introduction of the Global change research institute **Czechglobe** (Czech Academy of Sciences) and of its worldwide cooperation.



EUSJA General Assembly 2026 – The Czech Science Journalist Club organized the EUSJA General Assembly for the third time in the Czech Republic already. After two sessions in Prague, we moved to Brno, the birthplace of genetics. We aimed to introduce the city as an important center of technology and innovation. This year, delegates of 10 countries arrived, others had the opportunity to connect on-line.



Brno from the Old Town Hall Tower perspective



Brno as a city of culture, humor and double entendre of sculptural works



Moravia – Experienced as a traditional vineyard region. Cheers for the EUSJA future!



Vila Tugendhat – A modernist villa from 1930 by Mies van der Rohe attracts neverending public interest, but allows for only some 20.000 visitors annually. Thanks to Zbyněk Šolc, the director of the Museum of the city of Brno, we were given a special exclusive tour for our group. We could admire the onyx wall, the unusually advanced ventilation system for the time. The division of Czechoslovakia in 1993 was signed at the dining table here.



The Czech Post worked with neutrino speed and delivered the postcard decorated with Kaianders' study of Tugendhat surprisingly fast: In the post box on Sunday, posted on Monday, delivered on Tuesday!



• *Sunday 29 of March*

The Brno studio of the Czech public radio – An introduction to the radio broadcasting in Brno region as well as to the history of Brno architecture and its points of interests by vice-president of the Czech Syndicate of Journalists, Miloš Šenkýř.



Thank you all for the pleasant atmosphere during our meeting & study trip!

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