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Chairman of the Church Law Society Awarded

The 76th Evening Event of the Church Law Society took place at the ceremonial hall of the School of Law of Charles University in Prague, on 28th March 2017. At the festive occasion representatives of the Všeřrd Association of Czech Lawyers awarded the honorary membership degree to prof. Jiří Rajmund Tretera.



From the left the Mayor of the Všeřrd Association of Czech Lawyers Daniel Steindler, Mayor Emeritus Adam Zvonař and prof. Jiří Rajmund Tretera.

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Some Words about the Věšrd Association of Czech Lawyers

The Věšrd Association of Czech Lawyers is the oldest Czech lawyers' association in the Czech Republic and belongs to the oldest societies in our country at all. The first general meeting took place in a tavern in Prague on 6th May 1868. The association chose Czech Renaissance nobleman Viktorin Kornel Věšrd (1460–1520), author of Czech written treatise *Nine Books on Laws, Judiciary and Land Books of Czech Kingdom* (1499), as its patron. The association professes all patriotic and humanistic heritage of the Czech nation.

The association played an important part in professional and national conscious formation of students of law at the Czech university in Prague. It became evident during establishing and construction of democratic Czechoslovak State since 1918. The association was banned during the Nazi occupation. It was important in the process of defence of democratic values in the renewed democracy in Czechoslovakia between 1945 and 1948. The association was banned again after the Communist coup d'état in 1948 and its members were prosecuted. It was restored in 1990 and fought for restoration of democracy in Czechoslovakia as well as in the Czech Republic.

The Věšrd Association of Czech Lawyers is active in organizing of lectures, publishing legal literature and arranging meetings of teachers, students and intellectual public. It organizes great representational ball of lawyers in Prague every year. The management of the association consists exclusively of students of law.



Mayor Emeritus of the Věšrd Association of Czech Lawyers Adam Zvonař announces the decision of the general meeting of the association that honorary membership will be awarded to prof. Tretera.

The relief portrait of JUDr. Milada Horáková is placed in the front of the hall. She was a Czech lawyer and Member of Parliament, as a first woman she was executed in Prague by Communist regime on 27th June 1950, despite of worldwide public protest.

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Exclusively persons of intellectual life who significantly contributed to enforcement of democratic values are elected honorary members by the general meeting. Only 22 people, living as well as deceased, were awarded this way until today. English philosopher Sir Roger Scruton, rector emeritus of the Charles University prof. Karel Malý, former Minister of Justice of the Czech Republic and chairman emeritus of the Czech Bar Association JUDr. Karel Čermák are among living honorary members.



From the ball of lawyers which was organized by the Všehrd Association of Czech Lawyers in cooperation with the School of Law of Charles University in Prague, in the Municipal House in Prague on 25th February 2017. The photo shows the Smetana Hall, one of four halls where the ball took place.

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