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4th Prague Dialogues on Church and State Relations Are Being Prepared for Next Year

The Church Law Society is preparing the 4th international conference *Prague Dialogues on Church and State Relations* for the next year. This time, the conference will focus on the spiritual care in public institutions, ie., spiritual service in the army, penitentiaries, hospitals and social care facilities. The 4th Prague Dialogues will take place in continuity of three previous conferences organized in Prague in 1996, 1998 and 2000. The participation of leading experts from Poland, Slovakia, Great Britain, Germany, United States of America, Czech Republic and other countries is expected.

Academic Committee of Czech Christian Academy Hold Meeting

The regular semi-annual meeting of the Czech Christian Academy took place on Saturday, 9th June 2018, in its seat in the Benedictine Abbey of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Jerome and Slavic Saints (Emmaus) in Prague – New Town. The meeting was presided by President of the Czech Christian Academy Prof. Tomáš Halík, laureate of the Templeton Prize and Honorary Doctor of the Oxford University, and Director of the Academy Mrs. Ilona Trnková.

There were 27 members of the Academic Committee: vice-presidents of the Czech Christian Academy, directors of scientific sections in Prague and chairmen of about one third of local groups from all Bohemia and Moravia. According to the presented statistics, the Czech Christian Academy has currently 1,120 individual members, five collective members and 70 local groups.

Prof. Tomáš Halík read a report regarding activity of the Czech Christian Academy during the last half-year and the publication of the *Universum* journal, which is published four times a year in 1,500 copies. Mrs. Ilona Trnková presented an economic report.



From the Academic Committee of the Czech Christian Academy. From the left, in the first place, Jaroslav Šebek, Ilona Trnková and Tomáš Halík. Photo [Lenka Tomanová a Michal Příbyl](#)

Then, as usual, the highlight of the evening followed, a part rich in content, during which the directors of scientific sections in Prague and chairmen and chairwomen of local groups presented reports on their activities, especially about all lectures and other events held during the last period. Director of legal section of the Czech Christian Academy Prof. Jiří Rajmund Tretera presented a report concerning the section and the Church Law Society as a collective member.

At the end of the session, members of the Academic Committee congratulated President Halík on his 70th birthday, which he had on 1st June 2018, and on his extensive autobiography, which was published in recent days under the title *That was life?* [To že byl život?]

Professor Peter Blaho Passed Away

On 29th May 2018, at the age of 79, *Prof. Peter Blaho*, Professor of Roman Law, Rector Emeritus of the University of Trnava, and Dean Emeritus of its School of Law, Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great (2001) passed away. Prof. Blaho was a friend of the Church Law Society and a benefactor of many members of the Society, Czech and Slovak canon law scholars, and he contributed to restoration of church and religion law teaching at Slovak schools of law. Funeral Mass was celebrated on 2nd June 2018 by the Archbishop Metropolitan of Bratislava, Mons. Stanislav Zvolenský, in the Church of Our Lady of Loreto in Bratislava. The body of the deceased was placed on the same day in the grave in the cemetery.



From the Academic Committee of the Czech Christian Academy. From the left, in the first place, Zábaj Horák, Jiří Rajmund Tretera and Kamil Šromota. Photo [Lenka Tomanová a Michal Příbyl](#)

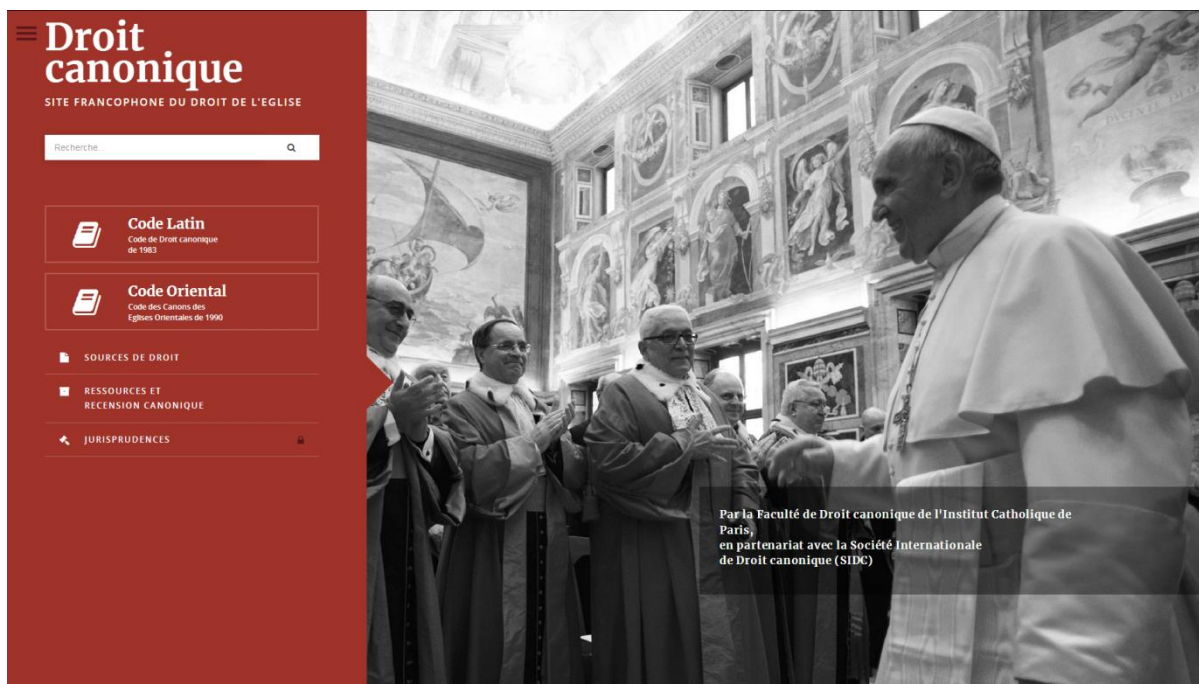


From the Academic Committee of the Czech Christian Academy. Tomáš Halík signs his latest book for Iva Bekárková. Photo [Lenka Tomanová a Michal Příbyl](#)

Inaugural Evening in Paris

On 13th June 2018, a ceremonial gathering took place at the Grand Auditorium of the Catholic Institute in Paris on the occasion of launching the new website www.droitcanonique.fr. The site contains the Latin and French versions of both valid codes of canon law and attaches interpretations. The other section lists further valid church legislation.

The inaugural evening was hosted by Prof. Ludovic Danto, Dean of the School of Canon Law of the Catholic Institute in Paris, Prof. Olivier Echappé, President of Société internationale de Droit canonique et de Législations Religieuses Comparées (SIDC) and Mrs. Thérèse Harlay, President of the alumni association of the School of Canon Law of the Catholic Institute in Paris. The patronage of the evening was taken over by Mons. Joseph de Metz-Noblat, Bishop of Langres and Chairman of the Canon Law Council of the Bishops' Conference of France. During the evening Mrs. Isabelle de Gaulmyn, Editor-in-Chief of La Croix, presented a speech on the topic *New Information Media and the Church: Reflection on Website La Croix Africa*. The presentation of the website was carried out by R. D. Cédric Burgun, Vice-Dean of the School of Canon Law of the Catholic Institute in Paris.



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