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PRESENT PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

since 2005
Director of the Institute of the History of Charles University and Archive of Charles University
since 1990
Institute of the History of Charles University/Archive of Charles University, Senior Research Scientist

EDUCATION

2014
Award of the *professor* title in history of medicine, Charles University in Prague
2007
Award of the PhD. title in medical history, Charles University in Prague, 1st Faculty of Medicine
Award of the *dozent* title (Associate Professor) in modern history, Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Social Sciences
1983
PhDr. (*philosophiae doctor*) degree, Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Arts
1977-1981
Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Arts, specialization and graduation in history

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

1985–1989
Institute for the History of Medicine, 1st Faculty of Medicine, Charles University in Prague, Research Scientist
2000–2004
Research Center for the History of Sciences and Humanities (founded by the Institute of Contemporary History, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic and the Charles University in Prague), Senior Research Scientist and Head of the Module for the History of Sciences

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

since 1990
Charles University in Prague - Faculty of Arts, 1st Faculty of Medicine,: history of education, sciences and humanities, history of medicine
since 1990
Charles University in Prague – Faculty of Arts: Czech and Central European History (for foreigners)
since 2008
Charles University in Prague – Faculty of Social Sciences: Modern History of Scandinavian Countries
since 2009
Charles University in Prague, 1st Faculty of Medicine: History of Medicine (Ph.D. programme)

AFFILIATIONS

Society for the History of Sciences and Technology of the Czech Republic (2002–2021 president)
International Council on Archives/Section of University and Research Institution Archives
International Commission for the History of Universities, member

PREVIOUS AFFILIATIONS

1992–2002 Czech National Committee of Historians, general secretary
2007–2011 European Association for the History of Medicine and Health, member of the Scientific Board

EDITORIAL BOARDS

Acta Universitatis Carolinae – Historia Universitatis Carolinae Pragensis, editor-in-chief

Dějiny věd a techniky / History of Sciences and Technology, member
Medical History (London), member (2007–2011)

CONFERENCES

7th ESHS Conference, Prague 2016, President of the Local Organising Committee
26th International Congress of History of Science and Technology, Prague 2021, President of the Local Organising Committee

PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE

History of education, history of sciences and humanities, history of medicine and health (history of medical education, history of hospitals, history of public health etc.), mostly in the 19th and 20th century.

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

This selected bibliography contains major articles published in English, German and other foreign languages. Only a few Czech works (mostly books) are included. Book reviews, reports on scientific events, popular articles, short book annotations and most papers published in Czech language were ommitted.

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