

Report from the trip as part of the task “Promotional campaign aimed at attracting foreign doctoral students and supervisors” within the project “Actions towards the internationalization of the Doctoral School of the University of Life Sciences in Lublin (I-SDUPL)” - trip from November 30, 2025, to December 3, 2025, to Prague (Czech Republic).

Project Beneficiaries:

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- Marta Wnęk, MSc, first-year doctoral student at the Doctoral School of the University of Life Sciences in Lublin (Faculty of Animal Sciences and Bioeconomy, Department of Horse Breeding and Use);
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Role of Beneficiaries in the Doctoral School of the ULSL:

- 2 research and teaching staff members
- 5 doctoral students

Host Institution:

Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Prague, Czech Republic

Date of visit:

30.11.2025 – 03.12.2025

Visit report:

First day of the visit:

- Meeting with employees of the Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences and the Department of Animal Physiology and Behavior, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague.
- During the meeting, a presentation (in English) was given, accompanied by a multimedia presentation and promotional films (also in English). The presentation aimed to showcase the educational opportunities (full cycle and semester exchange) and research opportunities at the University of Life Sciences in Lublin. An important

element of the presentation was also the presentation of the ULSL Doctoral School as seen through the eyes of doctoral students (from different years of study) and the presentation by the staff of the research offer of individual disciplines and profiles of doctoral students/candidates for doctoral studies to people who declare their willingness to cooperate as supervisors/assistant supervisors.

- Visit to the Animal Sciences laboratory
- Industry discussions on education at SD ULSL, visiting professor mobility at ULSL, and opportunities for research internships at our university as part of the Doctoral School
- Study trip to the CZU Research Center in Lány, which has facilities for observing elands and guanacos.

Second day of the visit:

- Meeting with employees of the Faculty of Forestry and Wood Sciences and the Department of Game Management and Wildlife Biology, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague.
- Presentation by representatives of the academic staff and doctoral students of SD UPL of a promotional lecture on SD UPL, presentation and promotional film in English.
- Lecture on "Introduction/reintroduction of ungulates" by Prof. Nikica Sprem from the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Zagreb (Croatia)
- Visit to the High-Tech-Pavillon laboratories and viewing of the zoological collection of the Department of Game Management and Wildlife Biology.

Results of the visit:

- Establishing opportunities for the exchange of doctoral students and researchers and for joint research.
- Presentation of the educational and research offer of the UPL Doctoral School, which increased interest among doctoral students and supervisors at the host university.
- Development of international mobility through discussion of potential forms of cooperation.
- Presentation of scientific achievements, teaching methods, and organizational structures of both universities.
- Identification of areas for joint research projects and cooperation between supervisors.
- Distribution of promotional materials and discussions with students and doctoral students.
- Strengthening the international position of both institutions by establishing contacts and planning joint initiatives.
- Familiarization with the research infrastructure and laboratory facilities of the host university, including equipment and technical resources.
- Assessment of the possibility of foreign research internships for doctoral students based on the available laboratories.
- Establishing contacts with laboratory staff and potential internship supervisors, which opens the way to individual research programs.