

ÚFAL Meeting

Hejnice, September 13, 2021

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Topics

- Teaching
- Projects
- Gatherings at ÚFAL

Teaching

- 3 terms of distant teaching (LS 2019/20, ZS+LS 2020/21)
- ZS 2021/22 – hopefully we start face-to-face ([cuni](#), [mff](#))
- Zoom licenses provided by LFP valid till October 4, 2022 ([more info](#))
- **Scientific Secretary**/Tajemník = Jiří Mírovský (mirovsky@ufal.mff.cuni.cz)
 - Course scheduling
 - Editing course info in SIS
 - Creating a new course in SIS
 - Keychain access to MFF buildings

Teaching: new students

- Bachelor
 - The entrance exams for 2021/22 cancelled
 - 300+ new students
- Master
 - 16 new students
- PhD
 - Dávid Javorský
 - Ondřej Plátek

Teaching: 1st year Bachelor courses 2021/22

- More lab sessions need to be open
- ÚFAL's involvement
 - Programming ([NPRG030](#)) – Lukáš Kyjánek, Tomáš Musil, Rudolf Rosa
 - Introduction to Algorithms ([NPRG062](#)) – Tomáš Musil
- ... Open discussion on involving more ÚFAL's PhD students in teaching
 - For sure, others can get involved as well if they are interested

Teaching: course materials

- <https://tinyurl.com/tjkt82jx>
- Helena Nyklová has already selected some courses for funding (OP VVV), she will contact their teachers soon

Projects

- 40+ active projects (<https://wiki.ufal.ms.mff.cuni.cz/cisla-grantu>)
- GAČR 2022 – 10 projects under review
 - Standard: J. Haviger - Asociace fonémů mezi západoslovanskými jazyky a jejich vliv na kvantitativní měření vzájemné srozumitelnosti: výzkum založený na korpusech; V. Kloudová - Posteditace jako prostředek k hodnocení a zlepšení kvality strojového překladu; V. Kolářová - Valence substantiv náležejících ke stejným slovo-tvozným hnízdům: Příklad českých deverbálních a deadjektivních substantiv; D. Mareček - Oddělování jazykových rysů a předsudků v reprezentacích naučených sítěmi typu Transformer; M. Mikulová - Primární a sekundární formy pro vyjadřování okolnostních významů; J. Mírovský - Metody pro rychlou diskurzivní anotaci v PDT-C; K. Rysová - Čeština jako cizí jazyk: koheze a koherence textu; B. Štěpánková - Hranice synsémantik v češtině; Bilateral: O. Dušek - User-centric Conversational Agents; R. Rosa - Generating Coherent Complex Narratives
- ERC Starting grant 2021 – Ondřej Dušek, his proposal proceeds to the Step 2
- ERC Starting grant 2022 – Martin Popel is writing his proposal
- Horizon Europe 2021 – 8 proposals in preparation (TBD after coffee break)

Projects

6 project administrators

- Lenka Fišerová (OP VVV, TAČR)
- Jana Hamrlová (HE)
- Hana Kubištová (GAUK, START, GAČR, Business research)
- Libuše Kaprálová (HE, OP VVV)
- Marie Křížková (MŠMT)
- Tea Vojtěchová (HE)

Projects

Calls for projects

- Many thanks to Jana Hamrlová for starting systematic monitoring of Calls for projects relevant to our research topics, see e.g., <https://wiki.ufal.ms.mff.cuni.cz/internal:podavani-projektu:he1>

Projects

- Projects represent a major source of our funding
- We want to support this trend and formalize full project agenda



Project management office at ÚFAL starting on September 1, 2021

Project management office / Projektové oddělení

1. Monitor calls for projects
 - Both national and international
 - In the fields of Language Technology, Computational Linguistics, Artificial Intelligence, Digital Humanities
 - ... Specify more detailed topics
2. Inform ÚFAL researchers about current calls
3. Consult project proposals
4. Assist with proposal submissions
5. Administrate accepted projects

Project management office / Projektové oddělení

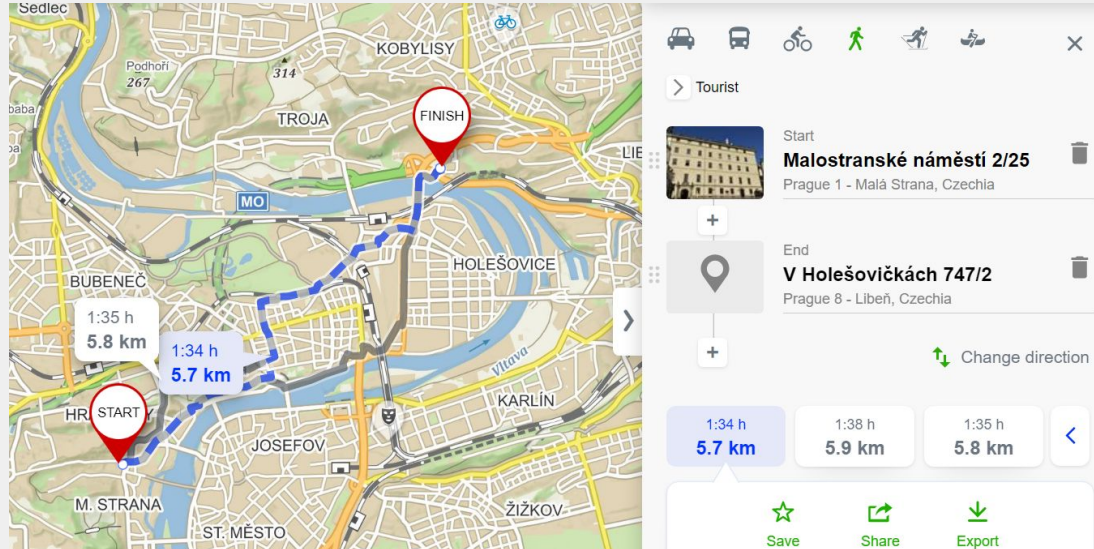
- Communicate with the [Department of Grants and Projects](#) MFF UK (OGAP)
 - Established in June 2021, head: dr. Zdeňka Bubeníková
 - They will provide us support esp. for
 - getting institutional documents
 - signing documents by the Dean if needed
 - successful proposal submissions by deadlines

Project management office / Projektové oddělení

- **Head – Stanislava Gráf** (graf@ufal.mff.cuni.cz)
 - office coordination, project calls, HE project administration
- **Members – Lenka Fišerová, Jana Hamrlová, Libuše Kaprálová, Marie Křížková, Hana Kubištová, Tea Vojtěchová**
- Project team = PI + researchers + administrator
- Ask PI + administrator specific questions related to a particular project
- Ask Stanislava any questions on project agenda

Gatherings at ÚFAL

- ÚFAL = Malá Strana (60 workplaces) + Impakt-Trója (16 workplaces)
- workplace = chair + desk



Gatherings at ÚFAL


- Ideas on gathering opportunities
 - Monday seminar at MS, once a week
 - Big meetings in Impakt, once a month
 - Presentations on calls for projects in Impakt, once a month
 - ... what else?

Programme <https://wiki.ufal.ms.mff.cuni.cz/hejnice-2021>

Monday

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 - 9:30	Barbora Hladká: ÚFAL head's report
9:30 - 10:00	Jan Hajič: Publications (statistics, PBML, ÚFAL books edition)
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee break
10:30 - 12:00	Horizon Europe - Discussion on our submissions in 2021 
12:30 pm	Lunch
5:30 pm	Church tour
6:30 pm	Dinner
8:00 pm	Gala evening (casual dress code 😊)

Tuesday

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 - 9:30	Rudolf Rosa: Soft aspects of THEaitRE (humanities, PR, discussions, spectators...)
9:30 - 10:00	Jarka Hlaváčová: Toastmasters - how to become a better speaker
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee break
10:30 - 11:00	David Mareček: ACL rolling reviews 
12:30 pm	Lunch

Programme

Topics for discussions

1. Bachelor and Master theses - discussion on requirements, supervisor vs. reviewer vs. committee
2. Tomasz Limsiewicz: Birds of Feathers session on "Interpretability of NLP Models." The idea of BOF is to have a rather informal gathering of people interested in the topic to discuss papers, ideas without set agenda. My suggestions of topics (please feel free to add to the list) : (1) What does "interpretable" in reference to NLP model mean? (2) Difference between interpretability and explainability. (3) Human validation of models' interpretation.
3. Silvie Cinková: Digital Humanities @UFAL
4. Pavel Taufer: Theater improvisation (self presentation and communication skills)