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Dear colleagues,

before 2026 begins, I would like to greet you all. As I do every year, I have prepared a PF for us, and this is our fifth one. [PF 2026](#) provides an overview of 2025 at ÚFAL, showing its activities through lists and figures. You are most familiar with the details behind them.

I am happy that ÚFAL has its own [video New Year greeting](#) this year. Many thanks to Alena and everyone who participated. There was no script for the video, only a simple question was asked at the beginning. Together with the special PBML issue No. 155, the video reassures me that ÚFAL equals life (credit: Jan Hajič, jr. :-)).

As of January 1, 2026, ÚFAL will have 129 employees. Throughout 2025, our number of employees fluctuated around 130. This is the largest number ÚFAL has ever had. This naturally brings more research results, visibility, business trips, and so on, which is great. However, it also raises capacity-related questions: Where will we seat new colleagues? Where will we hold Big meetings? Where will we hold off-site seminar? Where will we gather for the Christmas party? Therefore, we have started looking for additional offices to rent in Malá Strana and the surrounding area. Please be assured that any potential relocation will be discussed on an individual basis.

Our success rate for project proposals has been high again this year, though I have not yet calculated the exact figure. Nevertheless, we must continue. As you can see from the project overview on the wiki <https://wiki.ufal.ms.mff.cuni.cz/cisla-grantu>, most of our projects will end by 2028 at the latest. Since we cannot expect an increase in institutional funding and we don't know what the newly established government will do, we must continue submitting project proposals. We have the knowledge and excellent project and administrative support, so let's do it!

I really appreciate your work and am looking forward to what 2026 will bring.

My best wishes for the new year 2025.

Bára

PS You are welcome to share ÚFAL's New Year video greeting with your colleagues at home and abroad.