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Dear all,

before 2025 begins, I would like to greet you all. As I do every year (this is the fourth time), I have prepared a PF for us. The PF 2025 is a review of the year 2024 at ÚFAL and it shows the activities of ÚFAL by means of lists and figures. The great details behind the overviews are what you know best.

I think we can all be really proud of how ÚFAL is seen and heard around the world. This year, more people than usual have started or finished habilitation/professorship procedures; we have had many international guests, which is always nice; many doctoral students have passed their graduation or doctoral exams; and we are dealing with the dynamic changes in our field by talking about changes in teaching. Next year we will be launching several new projects, including a national and an European project, which are large in terms of both budget and partners.

You may be surprised to hear that ÚFAL will be growing from the 1st of January. In September, Dr. Václav Moravec (https://fsv.cuni.cz/contacts/people/86190856) asked us if he could move himself and his project team (CEDMO https://cedmohub.eu/, Newsroom AI https://old.starfos.tacr.cz/en/project/TQ01000100) from FSV to MFF UK. Jan and I thought carefully about how Dr. Moravec's skills - journalistic ethics and audiovisual media transformation - fit with what we do at ÚFAL. We agree that we see digital journalism as part of the digital humanities, which needs computational linguistics and language technologies. We also discussed the idea of a transfer with Vice Dean Jiří Sgall and Dean Mirko Rokyta. We all agreed that this is an experiment that we need to do to see what happens. As you know, we are struggling with a lack of space, so we can offer no offices to our new colleagues from FSV in either the MS or Impakt building. However, there is an office in the CUNI building on Voršilská Street, which is used by the CEDMO project and which we are interested in as a new Dr. Moravec's home department. We will certainly create an opportunity for Dr. Moravec to present himself and his team not only to ÚFAL but MFF as well. However, you can already contact him at vaclav.moravec@email.cz and moravec@ufal.mff.cuni.cz later on.

My best wishes for the new year 2025.
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