

AE Seminars and excursions

Seminars and excursions are organized on the last conference day as an optional event. The excursions are focused on the topics globally named as "Technical skills of our predecessors and their influence on people and nature". Participants have the opportunity to see remarkable country sceneries and technical and historical monuments.

The excursion on **11 September** will be focused on the area of North Bohemia. It is an area full of contrasts, where both beautiful nature and industrial sites such as open-pit brown coal mines can be found.

After the Second World War, the industry developed intensively, and the development of the energy sector also responded. The landscape was badly damaged by coal mining; the cities were neglected and gradually devastated.

After 1990, heavy industry was partially suppressed, which allowed to close some mines and reclaim the landscape. Also the cities were gradually renovated and today they are very nice.

A very valuable product in this area is hops, known for its high quality. It is exported to breweries in many countries.

The first stop will be the city of Kadaň, the town with the old history reaching back to the Celtic settlement. <http://www.mesto-kadan.eu/home-page>

On the way to another city, it will be possible to see part of the surface mine and take a picture of the extent of landscape devastation. But after the mine is closed, the landscape will be reconstructed.

Another interesting view will be on the Bohemian Central Mountains with its volcanic hills.

The second stop will be the town of Žatec, the hops processing center. Here we will dine, visit the hop museum and have time to explore the city. <https://www.mesto-zatec.cz>

Return to Pilsen is expected at 18:30.

The price for the excursion is 30 EUR, which covers transport, entrance fees, and lunch. The payment can be done either together with the conference fee, or separately at the conference desk.

In any case, we need your registration to the excursion so that we can order a bus and places at the excursion and in the restaurant. Please send your confirmation **as soon as possible** to the conference mail appel@fel.zcu.cz.

Time-table, 11 September

Start	FEL	8:00
Arrival	FEL	18:30