

Trinity College and the School of Medicine strengthen collaborations with one of the oldest European Universities - Charles University in Czech Republic.

At the end of last year, TCD has been visited by a delegation from Charles University, Faculty of Medicine in Hradec Kralove which included Prof. Jiří Petera – Vice Dean for International Relations, Head of Department of Oncology and Radiotherapy and President of the Czech Society of Radiation Oncology, Prof. Zdeněk Fiala – Head of the Department of Hygiene and Preventive Medicine, Eva Macourková – Head of the Office for Foreign Relations and Tereza Švadláková - Research Scientist, former Erasmus student who recently carried out her research project at Trinity Translational Medicine Institute.

Charles University, the first Central European University, was established in Prague during the reign of King Charles IV in 1346 and boasts numerous centuries-old traditions in academia and scholarly research achievements. Today it has 17 faculties with over 8,000 employees and 656 professors and runs 322 study programmes for 49,000 students. The Medical Faculty of Charles University in Hradec Kralove educates over 1,200 students in General Medicine, Dentistry and Nursing undergraduate programmes and runs 23 postgraduate programmes in diverse areas of medical disciplines.

The visit by the Czech delegation included several very productive and inspiring meetings with Prof. Juliette Hussey -TCD Vice President for Global Relations, Prof. Mary McCarron - Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Michel Gill - Head of the School of Medicine, Prof. Orla Sheils, TTMI Director and with several other leading TCD researchers and clinicians. A wide range of expanding academic and research collaboration opportunities under regional and EU funding schemes have been identified and discussed, including joint research programs in Environmental Health and Safety, Biological effects of Engineered Nanomaterials, Nanomedicine, Oncology, Gastroenterology and other areas and the joint opportunities to intensify the student exchange as part of their professional development and educational path. The detailed long-standing strategic collaboration programme between the School of Medicine, TCD and the Medical Faculty of Charles University in Hradec Kralove is currently being developed.

The visit and the meetings have been organised and facilitated by Prof. Yuri Volkov and Prof. Adriele Prina-Mello, School of Medicine and TTMI Nanomedicine and Molecular Imaging Group.

Photo 1

King Charles IV and Hradec Kralove



Photo 2

Left to right: Prof. Zdeněk Fiala, Prof. Adriele Prina-Mello, Dr. Eva Macourková, Prof. Yuri Volkov, Prof. Juliette Hussey, Prof. Jiří Petera and Ms. Tereza Švadláková at the meeting in TCD Global Relations Office.

