**Summary and Conclusions of the INNOVATION 2014 -
a Week of Research, Development and Innovation in the Czech Republic**

**The Event was organized by the Association of Innovative Entrepreneurship CR (AIE CR) in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Committee of National Economy, Agriculture and Transport of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, domestic and foreign members and partners of the AIE CR, and under the auspices of Deputy Minister of Education, Youth and Sports Jaromir Vébr.**

This year´s 21st year of INNOVATION 2014 – a Week of Research, Development and Innovation in the Czech Republic was held in Prague from December 2 till December 5, 2014.

Individual parts of the INNOVATION 2014 programme and follow-up meetings and discussions were attended by 330 participants. An exhibition, in which took part 42 exhibitors, and of which 7 technical universities – Czech Technical University, Technical University in Liberec, Tomas Bata University in Zlín, VŠB-Technical University of Ostrava, University of Chemistry and Technology Prague, Brno University of Technology, University of West Bohemia, was visited by 560 people. Due to presentations and participation of international organizations with which AIE CR and STPA CR are cooperating - especially RINKCE, ICSTI, Belarusian Innovation Fund, Belarusian State University, TII, ICC, IASP, SPICE, EBN - information about the INNOVATION 2014 will be in addition communicated to experts from other 35 other countries.

**Within the 19th annual competition of the Innovation of the Year Award** in introduction stage were performed 302 consultations about innovative products. In final stage the Award Selection Committee evaluated 14 officially submitted applications of the Innovation of the Year 2014 Award. From these and according to mandatory rules 11 applications were titled and announced as innovative products at different levels of Award. 2 submitted innovative products will be login again in 2015. The Award results were announced in the last day of the INNOVATION 2014 on December 5, 2014 in the premises of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic. The Award was presented by Senator Petr Bratský and President of the AIE CR Karel Šperlink.

Innovation Award 2014 ceremony was preceded by handover of the IFIA 2014 Award and Award of the Chinese Association of Inventors granted in the 8th International Exhibition of Inventions in Kunshan to four Czech inventors.

Traditionally**, the first day of the INNOVATION event,** the Plenary session was held. In 2014 this Session was aimed for "Innovative potential of the Czech Republic and the role of Czech technical universities“. In the afternoon the programme included an opening ceremony of the Exhibition part of the INNOVATION 2014. And the first day of the event was concluded by performance of Chamber choir Vocalica and by informal meeting exhibitors and participants of the INNOVATION 2014.

**The second day of the INNOVATION 2014** on December 3, 2013 included session “Horizon 2020 for beginning entrepreneurs“.

**The third day of the INNOVATION 2014** on December 4, 2014 took place the session "International cooperation in R&D - EUREKA and Eurostars programme", and in the afternoon a meeting with delegation of Belarusia was organised. In the evening the award ceremony held on occasion of the 4th year of VISIONARIES 2014 (see website: www.czechinno.cz).

During the INNOVATION 2014 was also held a number of meetings with domestic and foreign partners to assess the existing cooperation of the AIE CR within the System of Innovative Entrepreneurship in the Czech Republic and setting goals for the next period.

**Detailed information** about the INNOVATION 2014 and the exhibition part of the event, and the final results of the 19th annual competition of the Innovation of the Year 2014 Award including photo galleries are for disposal on website **www.aipcr.cz**

**Conclusions:**

* To organize the 22nd International Symposium and Exhibition INNOVATION 2015, a Week of Research, Development and Innovation in the Czech Republic in Prague and other places in the Czech Republic in December 1 – 4, 2015;
* The programme of INNOVATION 2015 will include:
	+ Information and presentations about Czech Operational programmes 2014 - 2020, achieved results in the area of ​​R&D in the Czech Republic and abroad, meetings of innovative companies including anouncement of results of the 20th annual competition of the Innovation of the Year Award;
	+ To present in the Exhibition part innovative products, and especially also the results of selected finishd domestic and foreign projects in field of R&D.
* Within the 20th annual competition of the Innovation of the Year Award, organised under the auspices of H.E. the President of the Czech Republic Miloš Zeman, to focus on project results received in frame of domestic and international industrial R&D programmes;
* To produce a brochure INNOVATION of the Year 2015 Award;
* To do necessary steps for including innovative products (products, processes and services) among R&D results and its national evaluation including the relevant scoring;
* Further improvement of the System of Innovative Entrepreneurship in the CR;
* In synergy with selected technical universities in the Czech Republic and the Association of Deans of technical colleges to provide a third function of universities in the Czech Republic; to inform about this action the Czech Rectors' Conference;
* To ensure continuous activity for Technological profile CR (see: www.techprofil.cz; using CD- ROM, version 14), and to prepare project support for the next period;
* To provide support for international EUREKA and Eurostars programmes in frame of EUPRO II programme in the Czech Republic;
* In the journal Innovative Entrepreneurship and Technology Transfer continue to publish the latest information and results in the field of innovative entrepreneurship and technology transfer at home and in abroad.