Dear Reader,

What a busy year 2016 was! We accomplished a lot and I thank all who were helpful in our activities.

Last year, our economic team expanded with new colleagues in Los Angeles and Chicago. In taking into account an earlier addition to our Consulate in New York in 2015, we are now in full force. Our diplomatic mission consists of two trade diplomats at the Embassy in Washington and one in each of our three Consulate Generals around the U.S. Combined with the governmental offices of CzechInvest in both New York and San Francisco, CzechTrade in Chicago, and CzechTourism in New York, I am proud to announce that our Czech-U.S. team has never been so strong.

However, we are not stopping there. Two more diplomats will join the Embassy’s economic section: one designated for agricultural affairs and one focused on science and technology cooperation. These two colleagues are still in Prague and getting ready to join us, perhaps before May 2017.

I am further pleased to let you know that in 2015 and 2016 the United States became the most important foreign market for the Czech Republic. In fact, the United States is now in the first place among non-EU export markets, beating out Russia and China. I consider this fact to be proof that now, more than 25 years after the Velvet Revolution, the Czech Republic has a modern and developed economy with companies able to satisfy the demand of their customers on this side of the Atlantic.

To keep this momentum going, the above mentioned Czech diplomatic missions to the United States will be busy throughout this year as well. We will start by bringing five Czech cyber security companies to Washington and Northern
Virginia in early March. Czech nuclear industry firms will also take part in the Annual Meeting of American Nuclear Society in San Francisco. Like in the previous years, we shall bring our start-ups to Disrupt – Tech Crunch shows in New York and San Francisco. In April, more than 1,000 years of history of hop growing in the Czech lands will be presented at the Craft Brewery Conference in Washington, D.C. In May, nanotech engineers and genetics researchers will be in Washington and the Mendel University from Brno will be working with Louisiana State University on various aspects of forest management and discussing joint projects in pharmaceutical and cosmetics research. Moreover, Czech design goods manufacturers will be on display in Chicago.

I am certain that our Czech-U.S. team will be able to do much for the benefit and further growth of our mutual trade and investment in 2017. With a country so big and economically active as the U.S., we will never experience a shortage of interesting ideas in what to do and how to help Czech businessmen navigate the American market. Nevertheless, although we will strive to do our best, we will certainly miss some opportunities due to lack of time or insufficient awareness of the benefits an activity may bring. Hence, here is my plea to you – let us know your suggestions for increasing our mutual trade and business ties. We will gladly consider all ideas and thank you in advance.

Your truly,

Tomas Hart, Head of Economic Section
Embassy of the Czech Republic, Washington, DC

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CZECH STARTUPS AT TECH CRUNCH-DISRUPT SAN FRANCISCO

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, CzechInvest and Czech ICT Alliance collaborated upon bringing Czech startup companies in IT security, e-shop and email and sound analysis to the popular Tech Crunch-Disrupt in California from September 12-14, 2016.

Innovative startups, technology companies and investors convened at the Tech Crunch-Disrupt in San Francisco. With the financial and organizational support of the Foreign Affairs Ministry, CzechInvest and Czech ICT Alliance, several Czech startups were able to participate, showcasing their ideas and original solutions to potential investors and business partners.

The Czech Republic presented these companies:

- Zeerat – www.zeerat.com – web analysis, raising e-shop productivity
- RedCrox – www.redcrox.com – increasing customer loyalty in internet shopping
- Digimates – www.digimates.cz – IT headhunting
- Locaid Me – www.locaid.me – security solutions in crisis situations
- Neuron SW – www.neuronsw.com – sound and voice analysis
- Mailytics – www.mailytics.io – raising the effectiveness of marketing campaigns via email analysis

Additionally, the Czech firm Product Board, specializing in assisting others to build products that people want, participated in Tech Crunch-Disrupt and made it to the Tech Crunch Battlefield final competition, which featured 25 startups, with the winner taking home $50,000 for product development. It is a great success that a Czech company was selected to be among the finalists as the competition is fierce and demands the highest levels of technical capabilities and professional presentation from the companies. More information about Product Board may be found at: www.productboard.com.

The Czech companies further took part in several networking events at the Honorary Consulate in the Silicon Valley, at Café Prague in San Francisco, and at V4 Demo Day, at which Threat Mark, Neuron SW, and Zeerat presented to security investors.

The IT sector is where Czech companies have made most headway in the US market. For example, the Czech data management company Javlin (www.javlin.eu), which has been based out of Arlington, Virginia, for several years, has experienced strong growth, from the day they opened their U.S. office. “The first year is the hardest for new companies,”
says Ambassador of the Czech Republic Petr Gandalovic. “Luckily, we now have enough Czechs in the US who know the ropes and are willing to share their advice and experiences with others.”

ECONOMIC BRIEFS

Moody’s sees the Czech Republic debt ratio dropping from 41.1% in 2015 to 36% GDP by 2020. Fitch expects the Czech government debt to decline - owing to a result of lower government deficits - to 37% of GDP by 2018.

The Czech Republic is among foreign professionals the 4th most trained 3.1%; half of the global market share for credit – the them in the rates that both manufacture and are sold – the credit may potentially result in high interest rates, potentially paying for research and development. Previously, investors commonly first established production and expanded years later into research and development. At the same time, the investment may pay potentially result in high interest rates, potentially paying for research and development. At the same time, the investment may pay.

Czech banks expect tightening of lending standards for mortgages in 2017 due to a new consumer credit act coming into effect and tougher recommendations on loan limits from the central bank. Some banks also expect consumer credit loan standards to tighten while conditions for company loans to ease. Record low interest rates are helping a mortgage boom in the Czech Republic, driving up housing prices.

The Czech construction industry is looking forward to 2017 after taking a downturn this year. A fall in the number of public contracts is seen as the main reason for an 11 percent decline in revenues in the first eight months of 2016.

Prague is considered the most interesting Central European destination for international retail brands - with 21 out of the 25 luxury brands with highest global coverage currently present. The city is viewed as the entrance gate to Central and Eastern European markets (except for Russia). This stems from the High Street Retail in Prague 2016/2017 study by JLL.

Apartment sales in Prague dropped during the summer months compared the same time last year. Some 1,447 apartments were sold between July and the end of September, according to statistics from developer Ekospol. At the same time, the supply of new apartments has fallen.

A new record has been set in the Czech car industry: more than 1.35 million vehicles were produced in 2016, a rise of 8 percent in year-on-year comparison. The increase had been spurred by increased domestic demand as well as a demand for Czech-built cars in Western Europe. The Czech Republic has three major car makers: the Mlada Boleslav-based Skoda Auto, TPCA in Kolin, and Hyundai in Nosovice. Skoda Auto accounted for more than half of last year’s output.

The general unemployment rate reached 3.6% in December 2016 and decreased by 0.9 p.p., year-on-year. The male unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted, attained 3.1%; the female unemployment rate was 4.2%.

According to research by the Czech Chamber of Commerce, more than 45% of Czech companies are ready to employ non-EU citizens. Low unemployment in the country makes non-Czech employees attractive prospects for the growing number of Czech firms and subsidiaries of foreign businesses in Czechia.

GENERAL ELECTRIC TO BUILD TURBOPROP ENGINE CENTER IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

The Czech Republic and GE signed an agreement on the establishment of a turboprop engine center. Czech firms will be involved in the deliveries of components for production in the value of billions of Czech crowns and Czech universities will engage in significant collaboration with GE. GE Vice-President John Rice, Former Minister of Industry and Trade Jan Mládek and CzechInvest CEO Karel Kucera signed the investment agreement on the establishment of a center for development, testing and production of Advanced Turboprop (ATP) engines on October 20, 2016.

At this time, the ATP engine is in the development phase, which involves the first one hundred of 500 employees that GE plans to hire in the Czech Republic in connection with the project. Production will begin at the end of 2022. The first phase of development, testing and production will take place at the company’s existing facilities in Letnany and will be subsequently transferred to new facilities, which are currently being sought.

"This center places the Czech Republic among the global elite comprising only four countries that both manufacture and export aircraft engines. We are thus building on our rich aviation history based mainly on top-quality engineers,” says Karel Kucera, CEO of CzechInvest.

GE’s investment is significant due to the fact that from the beginning it involves not only production, but also research and development. Previously, investors commonly first established production and expanded years later into research and development activities. At the same time, the investment may pay potentially result in half of the global market share for ATP engines. For the Czech aviation industry, this could have a comparable sectoral effect to that which Volkswagen’s entry into Skoda Auto had on the Czech automotive industry.
CzechInvest and the investor are now in talks on the possible submission of an application for investment incentives. In any case, support in the form of investment incentives may not exceed 25% of eligible costs pursuant to the Investment Incentives Act. The amount of GE’s investment is not known at this time, though the company plans to invest an estimated USD 400 million in Europe, of which a large part will go to the Czech Republic, in connection with the project.

INVESTMENT BRIEFS

The total value of real estate investments in the Czech Republic in 2016 will reach EUR 3bn+ ($3.3bn+). Office properties will account for 40% of the total investment amount.

The Czech Republic and a European top-level research institution, the German Fraunhofer Society, will extend their cooperation in applied research projects. Cooperation will focus on materials diagnosing, industry 4.0 and IT security.

Czech firearms manufacturer Ceska Zbrojovka (www.czub.cz) is investing in Peru. Space has been secured in the Peruvian military industrial complex FAME for the assembly and repair of firearms. Ceska Zbrojovka supplied machinery and supplies and trained the technical personnel.

The American company Johnson & Johnson is planning to expand the scope of services provided by its JNJ Global Business Services international center in Prague. The center has grown in the past ten years and currently has a team of 450 specialists from 43 countries. In the coming years, the company expects to add more than 300 employees and move into new facilities. The center should thus employ approximately 750 people.

The Minister of Defense of the Czech Republic, Martin Stropnicky, aims to minimize the dependence on soviet technology as it is outdated. Over the next ten years, the Czech Army is planning to replace practically everything from gear to anti-aircraft equipment. It will, however, need 460 billion Czech crowns ($18 billion) to do this. The army would like to purchase 62 armored vehicles Pandur and Titus, tens of light armored vehicles for chemical and radioactive research, 12 multipurpose helicopters, 5,500 ballistic vests, and mobile radio locators.

Procter & Gamble, the U.S. chemical concern, will build another production hall in its P&G Rakona manufacturing plant in Rakovnik. The hall, which is to be completed by 2020, will have nine production lines. It will increase the production of laundry detergents and cleaning products by 270 thousand m3 (9,535,050 ft³). Currently, P&G Rakona employs 630 people. The new production lines should employ 430 new line workers and 30 new technicians.

COMPANIES AND BUSINESSES

Skoda, the Czech automaker acquired by Volkswagen 25 years ago, may enter the US market. The automaker has already filed several trademarks with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, including those for the Skoda Octavia sedan, Superb sedan and Yeti compact SUV.

Skoda’s factory in Kvasiny started the series production of the new SUV model Skoda Kodiaq on October 18, 2016. The production has required investments in the extension and modernization of the factory. The automaker plans to invest CZK 7.2 billion ($282 mil) in the factory by 2018. Its capacity will likely grow up to 280,000 cars a year.

Laser Bivoj, which is significantly more powerful and efficient, more compact, more stable and more easily maintained than the currently available technology, is beginning to function in the laser center HiLASE in Dolni Brezany by Prague. In the first quarter of this year, researchers will become familiar with its technical capabilities. In the second half of 2017, the laser will be made available to external users, such as companies.

The Czech traditional producer of motorcycles, Jawa, will soon introduce a new model, the Jawa 350. It draws its design details from the Jawa 634 model, which was under production in the 70’s and 80’s. The price range will be around four thousand USD and up.

New Java 350 OHC
CZECH IT COMPANY SAFETICA OPENS HEADQUARTERS IN CHARLOTTE, NC

The North American market has attracted yet another Czech IT company. Safetica Technologies, which specializes in data loss prevention software, has opened its US headquarters in North Carolina. The company offers its services mainly to small and medium-sized enterprises.

Safetica was created in 2007 when its founder, Jakub Mahdal, who had lost a flash drive with client data, developed a solution to protect data from internal and external threats, even on removable drives. The thriving and expanding company has since prevented data loss for hundreds of companies worldwide. For more information, please visit www.safeticausa.com or call 1-877-545-1509.

AMERICAN PLAYERS IN CZECH RINKS

EUHERE Sports LLC is bringing revolutionary soccer rinks to young players for interactive development and fun. EUHERE Sports is a partnership between UHER COMPANY S.R.O., a family owned company from the Czech Republic and a world leader in the production and distribution of multipurpose sports outdoor arenas, soccer, hockey, floorball rinks and other sports products, and Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic Petr Vasicko, who is based in North Carolina.

By founding EUHERE Sports’ headquarters in Charlotte, NC, the UHER COMPANY is focusing on the world’s largest market as Americans annually spend 65 billion US dollars on sporting goods. Schools across the country support a multitude of collective sports. With this in mind, EUHERE Sports offers an innovative training and tournament court, which can be assembled on any flat surface such as artificial turf, grass, asphalt, and concrete.

Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the United States Petr Gandalovic welcomed the Czech company on the American market, stating, “Anyone who has had at least one child in an American school knows how active schools here are in sports and how many evenings and weekends parents spend driving their young players to their games. It is the right move by EUHERE Sports, and a wise decision to become part of the U.S. market.”

For more information, please visit: www.euheresports.com

CZECH CANNABIS COMPANY CARUN PHARMACY OPENS BRANCH IN FLORIDA

Czech cannabis company Carun Pharmacy, specializing in hemp-based products, opened its first branch in the US.

On August 24, 2016, the Carun Pharmacy opened its doors in the Grand Panama shopping center in Panama City Beach, Florida, receiving recognition on its grand opening from the Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce. Albeit its leaf logo is receiving curious looks, the store offers Czech-manufactured hemp-based products, such as skin and face creams, body oil and other cosmetic goods that contain hemp oil and cannabidiol (CBD) oil, prepared using the latest technologies as well as traditional techniques. The products’ THC content is negligible.

“Doing business in America is not just for the large Czech companies which have the time, people and money to invest. The story of Carun opening its business in America is the best example of how an idea, patience and originality are the keys to transatlantic success.” Tomas Hart, the Head of the Economic Department for the Embassy of the Czech Republic, noted.

Learn more about the company and its products at: http://www.carun.us/https://www.facebook.com/carunpharmacyusa/
SHORT TERM HOSPITAL WORK EXPERIENCE IN PRAGUE

The Czech Hospital Placements Program offers short term hospital work experience for English-speaking students of 17-26 years of age. Students are allowed to observe and shadow real professionals in a live clinical environment during their daily job tasks, surgeries, interactions with patients, or treatment procedures at the University Hospital in Motol – the top healthcare facility in Prague and the largest in the Czech Republic. For more information, please visit: www.chpprogram.com/

US WINE IMPORTERS CHECK OUT MORAVIAN WINES

Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Czech Republic Jiri Jirsa commenced the event, which also included an overview of the long history of wine production in the Czech Republic.

A tour of the Moravian wine country in the Czech Republic followed the meeting on the subsequent two days. The trade mission visited and tasted wine as well as learned about the wine-making process at the National Wine Center in Valtice, Chateau Valtice, Sonberk Winery in Popice, Plze wine cellars in Petrov, Templar Wine Cellars in Cejkovice, and Vyskocil Winery in Blatnice pod Svatym Antoninkem.

The participants were able to experience how “culture and history adds to the authenticity and dimension of the ‘product.’” As one member of the delegation pointed out, “Wine is more than what is in the bottle – wine is about the people who put their labor, love and ambition into making them and their stories.”

The US participants included: Brian Green - who sells Moravian wines in New Hampshire and imports Slovakian mead (Medovina) as the owner of Centeur Imports, LLC., Rudi Eilers - who is the Education Director at the Sommelier Society of America, the oldest sommelier training school in the US, and represents Moravian and other European wines in NYC, Kyle O'Donnell – who represents DM Selections, one of the finest distributors of high quality wines in Connecticut, Matthew Krempski – who represents Wine-O-Rama - a very well-known book of eclectic wines in Chicago, and Noah & Cheryl Ullman – who are the co-owners of Czech Wine Imports, Inc., the only wine importer in the United States exclusively focused on Moravian wines.

At the conclusion of the visit, the members of the delegation offered their individual heartfelt appreciation for the warm and professional welcome they received by the Czech Chamber of Commerce and the Ministry of Agriculture as well as the hospitable world-class experience in the wine country. One participant remarked that, “we learned a great deal and even those of us who were very familiar with the wines and the varieties were commenting on how much they had gained from the trip.” Another delighted participant immediately placed orders upon return to the US and conducted a wine tasting in Brooklyn.
CZECH AUTO EXPERTS AND MANAGERS VISIT SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA

The Embassy of the Czech Republic in Washington, DC, and CzechInvest led a trade mission from the Czech automotive industry to the United States on October 17-20, 2016.

The purpose of the visit was to gather information about the US automotive industry with emphasis on comparing the levels and types of education and training of all automotive professions and their actual application on the job as well as to make business and academic contacts and find opportunities for Czech automotive exporters. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, as part of its economic diplomacy, supported the visit financially.

In South Carolina, the trade mission visited the Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR), an advanced-technology research, innovation and educational campus advancing the development of the automotive sector. Czech university representatives were interested in Clemson’s student project Deep Orange, which is in its eighth year. The initiative gives the students the opportunity to work with a chosen car manufacturer to create a prototype vehicle within the two year program.

The delegation further held meetings with companies in Charleston, Atlanta, and Gainesville, focusing on foreign firms’ conditions for success on the American market and understanding the differences between the European and American automotive industries. The program also allowed for time to meet with one Czech automotive company which has established itself on American soil. ALBAform Inc., owned by its Czech parent company ALBA-METAL, has been designing, developing and manufacturing precision metal components, with focus on the automotive industry, in Georgia since 2011. The family run branch, which has been growing along with its volume of customers’ orders, shared its experiences with the delegation.

Ambassador of the Czech Republic Petr Gandalovic noted that, “Honorary Consuls many times have local contacts, which are hard to obtain from Washington. That is why I very much appreciated the assistance and organizational support of Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic for North and South Carolina Petr Vasicko and Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic for Georgia George Novak.”

The Head of the Economic Section at the Czech Embassy, Tomas Hart, stated, “We took the first step and made new contacts. Now, it’s time to evaluate and determine the next steps. From Albaform’s example, it is evident that our small and middle sized companies are able to take on the American market.”

CZECH NANO SHOW IN BOSTON

Leading Czech nanotech companies and R&D institute visited Boston on October 25-28, 2016 to present their products to potential customers.

The delegation consisted of representatives from Contipro, IQ Structures, Nafigate, and nanoSPACE, as well as a representative from the Nanoprogres cluster. The research portion of the delegation was represented by members of the Brno-based CEITEC Institute.

The representatives of the Consulate General from New York were featured at both seminars. CzechInvest representative Jiri Fusek, the agency’s sector manager for nanotechnology, spoke about CzechInvest’s involvement in the field.

Subsequently, Jiri Kus, President of the Czech Nanotechnology Industries Association, offered insight into the history and accomplishments of the Czech Republic in the field of nanotechnology, followed by the individual companies’ presentations.

The highly innovative Czech Nanotechnology cluster, Nanoprogres, then presented not only their achievements in the field of collective research and development, but also on the policies of European and Czech clusters, the national cluster association, and the importance of strategic European partnerships, namely “AdPack”, which Nanoprogres co-founded.

In addition to the two workshops, the Consulate General and CzechInvest also organized a visit for the delegation to the CUNY Advanced Science Research Center. They were received by the Deputy Director of ASRC and, after a discussion, toured some of the research facilities within this new center. In Boston, the delegation had the opportunity to meet with Edward Damiano, the professor of biotechnology at the Faculty of Engineering at Boston University, with whom they,
among other things, discussed the possibility of obtaining investments in science and research. The last stop was the famous Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where the department for nanotechnology research (MIT.nan) is being developing.

Project Czech Nano Show 2016 helped to underline the fact that the Czech Republic is, particularly in the field of nanofibers, at the global forefront in its research, and is in many ways even ahead of renowned US universities and research institutions.

CHRISTMAS MARKET AT THE CZECH EMBASSY IN DC

The Embassy of the Czech Republic in Washington, DC, held a special Czech Christmas Market on November 5, 2016. The Czech Christmas Market featured beautiful hand blown glass ornaments, exquisite glass and jewelry, handcrafted glass, delicious Christmas cookies, mulled wine (svarak) and more. Featured Czech companies included Glassor, Antipearle, La Bohemia Bakery, Slovak-Czech Varieties, and Topix Crystal Art.

CZECH FIRMS SHOWCASED AT CONSUMER ELECTRONICS SHOW (CES) IN LAS VEGAS

From January 5 – 9, 2017 Czech firms presented in Las Vegas in record numbers at the most prestigious trade show of consumer electronics (CES).

Eight Czech companies participated in the show. Four of the firms (Six Guys Labs, Oscar Tech, XTND and PIXBUF) were sponsored by the CzechDemo project, which is supported by the CzechInvest Agency. The remaining four (KR Audio, 440 Audio, Prusa Research and AQ) participated on their own.

The firm Six Guys Labs presented its product line, Actijoy, which simplifies pet care and the monitoring of their health. The application introduced by Oscar Tech makes tablet usage simpler for seniors. XTND’s ultra light carbon electric longboard can run up to 20 kilometers (12.43 miles) on a single charge. PIXBUF showcased an application that makes sharing, distributing and selling photos easier.

The firm KR Audio intends to compete on the U.S. market with its top quality amplifiers. 440 Audio produces unique record players that combine high tech quality with artistic design. Prusa Research showed its highly requested 3D printers. Last but not least, the public got to see Acoustique Quality’s Hi-Fi loudspeaker system Passion Orca.
EUHERE EXHIBITS AT THE NSCAA CONVENTION

The yearly gathering of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America at the NSCAA Convention and the U.S. Youth Soccer Workshop draws more than 6,300 coaches and more than 11,000 attendees. The 2017 Convention was held in Los Angeles from January 11 – 15.

This year the Czech-US company EUHERE attended the trade fair to present their unique soccer rinks that are designed for the training of young soccer players.

The soccer rinks provide a small space, which is ideal for the continuous improvement of players’ fitness, physical conditioning and overall health. The rinks are Czech made, using the best European plastics and aluminum. The entire rink can be stored on a wheeled cart (6.5 x 2.4 x 4.3 feet, 705lbs), making it easy and convenient to move around, with installation being very simple and taking no more than 5 minutes. The rinks can be used on any flat surface all year round.

CZECH PRODUCERS OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS SHOWCASE AT NAMM

The annual prestigious National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) trade show of musical instruments was held in Anaheim, California, from January 19 – 22, 2017. This year, seven Czech companies participated at NAMM, thanks to the patronage of the CzechTrade Agency.

The firm BSG Musical Instruments displayed its guitars. Pianos were presented by the world-famous firm Petrof, which has been around since 1864 and has established itself long ago on the US market. HARMONIKAS s.r.o. introduced visitors to its handmade harmonicas. Electronic guitars were shown to the attendees by NBE Guitars. SIBA Plus exhibited its extensive product line of leather cases for musical instruments and accessories, seeking to catch the attention of American southern buyers due to their style. Thanks to NAMM, Janicek PICKS intends to enter the US market with its unique handmade guitar picks. Violins, violas, violoncellos, contrabasses and guitars were demonstrated by Strunal Schoenbach, s.r.o.

According to statistics, over 24 million people play some type of musical instrument and over 35,000 people and 12,000 companies make a living by selling and/or servicing musical instruments in the US.

CZECH COMPANIES LOOKING FOR US PARTNERS

The Czech Royal Beer company, a supplier of Czech beer, is looking for distributors in the US.

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TRADESHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

INCHEBA EXPO PRAHA spol. s r.o. is one of the most important companies organizing exhibitions and fairs in the Czech Republic. Every year, Incheba Prague organizes about thirty exhibitions and fairs, all of them taking place at the Holesovice Fairground in Prague. For more information and a list of current exhibitions and fairs, please visit www.incheba.cz.

BVV Trade Fairs Brno is one of the most prominent trade fair organizers in Central and Eastern European countries. Its core business activity is organizing trade fairs and exhibitions at the Brno exhibition center and providing exhibition services. For more information and a list of current exhibitions and fairs, please visit www.bvv.cz/en/.

March 21-24, 2017
Amper
International Trade Fair of Electrotechnics, Electronics, Automation and Communication Technologies
Venue: Brno Exhibition Centre
Organizer: TERINVEST, spol. s r. o.
Contact: www.amper.cz/contacts.html
E-mail: amper@terinvest.com
Web: www.amper.cz/en.html

April 21-24, 2017
Interbeauty Prague
Fair of cosmetics, hairdressing and nail design
Venue: Prague Exhibition Grounds Holesovice
Organizer: Incheba Expo Praha
Phone: +420 220 103 471
Fax: +420 220 371 517
E-mail: j.ciglianova@incheba.cz
Web: www.interbeautyprague.cz/en.html

April 26-29, 2017
URBIS
Trade Fair for Smart Municipal Solutions
Venue: Brno Exhibition Centre
Organizer: BVV Trade Fairs Brno
Contact: www.bvv.cz/en/urbis/contacts/
E-mail: info@bvv.cz
Web: www.bvv.cz/en/urbis/

April 26-29, 2017
Building Fairs Brno
A unique presentation of all aspects of housing and house constructions, building management services, technical solutions and equipment
Venue: Brno Exhibition Centre
Organizer: BVV Trade Fairs Brno
Contact: www.bvv.cz/en/building-fairs-brno/contacts/
E-mail: info@bvv.cz

May 4-6, 2017
Sport Expo
Fair of sporting goods and equipment
Venue: Prague Exhibition Grounds Holesovice
Organizer: Incheba Expo Praha
Phone: +420 220 103 493
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May 31 - June 2, 2017
IDET
International Fair of Defence and Security Technology, is one of the biggest shows of defence technology in Central and Eastern Europe
Venue: Brno Exhibition Centre
Organizer: BVV Trade Fairs Brno
Contact: www.bvv.cz/en/idet/contacts/
E-mail: info@bvv.cz
Web: www.bvv.cz/en/idet/

August 19-21, 2017
STYL and KABO
International Fashion Footwear and Leatherwear Fairs
Venue: Brno Exhibition Centre
Organizer: BVV Trade Fairs Brno
Contact: www.bvv.cz/en/styl-kabo/contacts/
E-mail: info@bvv.cz

September 15-17, 2017
BIOSTYL - ECOWORLD
International Fair for Healthy Food, Healthy Life Style and Ecological Products and Services
Venue: Prague Exhibition Grounds Holesovice
Organizer: Incheba Expo Praha
Phone: +420 220 103 474
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October 8-10, 2017
Autoshow Praha
An Event showcasing products from the Automotive industry
Venue: Prague Exhibition Grounds Holesovice
Organizer: Incheba Expo Praha
Phone: +420 220 103 794
E-mail: v.plockova@incheba.cz
Web: www.autoshowpraha.cz

October 9-13, 2017
MSV
International Engineering Fair
Venue: Brno Exhibition Centre
Organizer: BVV Trade Fairs Brno
Contact: www.bvv.cz/en/msv/contacts/
E-mail: info@bvv.cz
Web: www.bvv.cz/en/msv/
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