



MEi:CogSci Alumni Newsletter for 2024/25

Dear MEi:CogSci alumni,

Another year has passed, so here's brief information for you about our cognitive science program.

Study

In winter semester, we hosted a record number of 18 mobility students (9 Ljubljana, 8 Vienna, 1 Budapest).

In May we held entrance exams for the programme. We had 42 applications from 19 countries. 35 applicants handed in the entrance exam, out of which we accepted 28. The exact number of students who will actually enroll is not known yet. In the past, accepted applicants from non-EU countries often did not manage to get their diploma recognition and visa on time, hence we shifted the entrance exam from June to early May. Another good news is that Comenius University has established a [Welcome centre](#) to assist the foreign applicants and students with visa and settling processes.

We have gained 10 new graduates in 2025 – Oleksandr, Hana, Zuzana, Milica, Ľuboš, Dalibor, Alena, Armin, George, and Jennifer – congratulations! Check out their master's theses in our [Master's thesis archive](#).

Science

Our annual **MEi:CogSci conference** took place in Lublana on June 12-14 and we all enjoyed it a lot. The conference included an alumni panel in which the alumni from all partner universities share their perspective and post-hoc view on the programme. Bratislava was represented in the panel by Kassandra Friebe. The next year's conference will be held in Vienna on June 19-21 2026 to celebrate 20th anniversary of Vienna's cognitive science programme. The [conference proceedings](#) are available online.

This year's annual Czech-Slovak conference [Cognition and artificial life \(KUZ/CAL 2025\)](#) was organized on 21. 5. – 23. 5. by our team from Centre for Cognitive Science, FMPI CU, in the lovely spa town Piešťany. We have brought a novelty – a shift towards internationalization by enhancing traditional conference languages of Czech and Slovak by English. Our department was represented by a record number of 17 people including 8 undergraduate MEi:CogSci students and our former mobility students from Vienna and Bratislava. We also had one alumnus (Richard Dinga from Tilburg university) attending. We encourage more of you, the alumni, to visit! The [conference proceedings](#) are available online.



Social life

Our annual **cognitive drink** with newly arrived 1st-year students, 2nd year students, incoming mobility students, teachers and alumni is coming soon! Please mark in your calendars **Thursday September 25 from 18:00**. The venue is still in negotiation (most probably [Karloveska Klubovna](#)) – we will send you a reminder a few days before the event, but book the date, we'd love to see you there!

The traditional annual **MEi:CogSci Christmas event** with the students and teachers from the partner universities is planned on **Friday December 5**. You are welcome to join us for a drink, if you like. We will send a reminder/confirmation when the date is closer.

Besides this, the students themselves self-organize and sneak in several smaller cognitive drinks throughout the year, so follow us on [Facebook](#).

We have also been active in the Slovak Cognitive Science Society (SSKV); check out our activities [here](#).

Thank you for reading this newsletter and for being part of our vibrant alumni community!

Useful links

- [MEi:CogSci students and alumni Facebook page](#)
- Archive of [Cognition and Artificial Life](#) and [MEi:CogSci](#) conferences
- [Master's theses archive](#)
- [Slovak Cognitive Science Society](#)