

**IFLA Library and Research
Services for Parliaments Section**

Alumni Meeting

Programme

Prague, 15-16 October 2026



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CZECH REPUBLIC**

DAY 1

Location: The Holešovice Branch of the Parliamentary Library and Archives of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic

9:30-10:00 Registration / Accreditation

10:00-11:15 Opening Session

- *Welcome Address & Opening of the Meeting*, by Est. Barbora Urbanová, Vice-Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies
- *Message from Leslie Weir*, IFLA President
- *Chair of IFLA Library and Research Services Section Presentation*, by Carolynne Ménard, IFLAPARL Chair
- Keynote Speech: Ondřej Tikovský (Director of the Parliamentary Library and Archives of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic), *More Than a Crossroads: A Czech Tradition of Knowledge, Books and Creativity*

Coffee break

11:30-12:30 Alumni Presentations

- Leonor Calvão Borges (IFLAPARL SC member), *The IFLAPARL Section History Project*
- Ernst Kohl (IFLAPARL Chair 1989-1993), *A History of the Formative Years of the IFLA PARL Section*
- Edward Wood (Director of Research 2016-2021, House of Commons, UK | IFLAPARL collaborator), *Reflections on the changes in the House of Commons Library, 1991-2024: a case study*

12.30-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-14:40 Alumni Presentations

- Iouliani Theodosi (IFLAPARL Information Coordinator), *The Hellenic Parliament Library as an IFLAPARL member: a case study*
- Ellie Valentine (IFLAPARL Mentor), *In memoriam (2000-2026)*

Coffee break

15:00-17:00 Host Institution Presentations

- Ondřej Tikovský (Director of the Parliamentary Library and Archives of the Chamber of Deputies) & Petr Dvořáček (Deputy Director of the Parliamentary Library and Archives of the Chamber of Deputies), *The Evolving Mission of the Czech Parliamentary Library and Archives*
- Guided tour at the Holešovice Branch

18:45-22:00

- Visit to the Parliamentary Complex in the Historic District of Malá Strana, the Chamber of Deputies, and a Tour of the Exhibition *"In Search of Form: Crafting the Ceremonial Artifact of the Czech Constitution"*
- Official dinner reception

DAY 2

Location: The Holešovice Branch of the Parliamentary Library and Archives of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic

09:30-10:00 Registration / Accreditation**10:00-12:30 Morning Session**

- Lightning Talks & Round table discussions
 - How did I join IFLAPARL?
 - How did I/my library profit from this?
- (Short Coffee break at 11:00-11:15)*

12:30-14:00 Lunch break**14:00-16:30 Afternoon Session**

- Mentorship Network Design Workshop
 - Launching of the IFLAPARL Mentorship Network and discussion
- (Short Coffee break at 15:00-15:15)*

16:30-17:00 Conclusions and closing of the Meeting**DAY 3 (Optional)**

Guided sightseeing in Prague, offered by the host institution

Important note:

Please note that the Coffee breaks on both days and the Official dinner reception on Day 1 (15 October) are a kind offer of the host institution. During the Lunch breaks on both days the attendees are welcome to explore several options available near the event venue.