



Short introduction

Language Resource Centre
helping students with special needs



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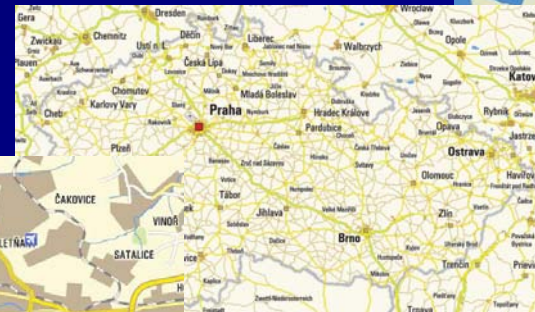
Who we are

Language Resource Centre
is a part of Charles University in Prague
Faculty of Philosophy & Arts



Who we are

Where you can find us



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What we do

We teach English
to the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing
and help other students with special needs
in the same approach.



What we do – How it all started

Since 1998 PhDr. Daniela Janáková, CSc. has been teaching English to Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing students studying *Czech in the Communication of the Deaf* at the Faculty of Arts, Charles University. This Bachelor Degree Program was launched at the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts by Prof. PhDr. Alena Macurová, CSc. in the same year.

In 1999 Dr. Janáková won Fulbright Scholarship and spent one academic semester studying at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C..

In 2001 Dr. Daniela Janáková established a team of Czech university teachers who took part in the PEN-International NTID Project aimed at improving postsecondary deaf education by means of using the Internet and the latest technology.



What we do – Beyond teaching

Cooperate with our colleagues abroad in order to:

Collect specialized learning materials and technology

Organize teacher training seminars

Produce special learning and teaching materials

Organize summer schools

Organize ASL and BSL classes



What we do – Our LRC

At present, our LRC can offer various publications, computer programs and video courses focused on:

Teaching English to Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing students

The history and culture of the Deaf Community

ASL

BSL

Teaching students with special needs

Methodology and applied linguistics

ESL

And can also offer:

Many captioned movies

Audio books for the Blind

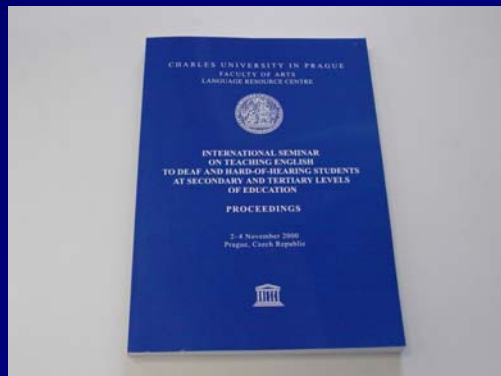
LRC developed teaching and learning materials

Brail reader and SmartClassroom capabilities



What we do – Teacher Training Seminars

Prague 2000



For detailed information about this seminar, please download the seminar proceedings:

<http://jc.ff.cuni.cz/mmp/Proceedings/2000.pdf>



What we do – Teacher Training Seminars

Prague 2004

In August 2004 the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts LRC organized, in cooperation with NTID at RIT, USA, the second international week-long teacher-training seminar on teaching English to the Deaf.

The seminar was attended by 66 participants from 5 countries.





What we do – Teacher Training Seminars

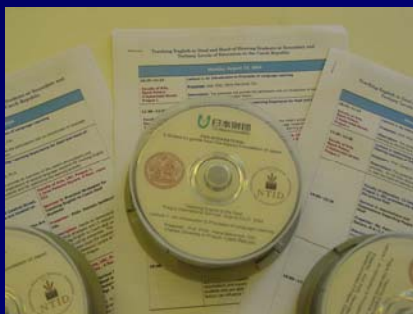
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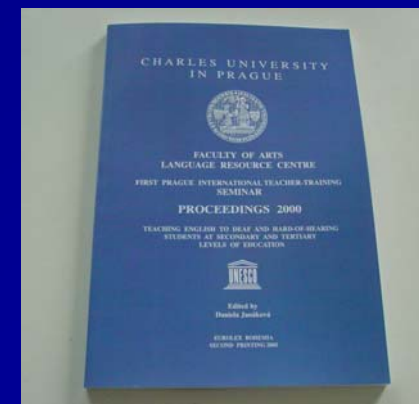
What we do – Produce specialized materials

Methodology guides



DVD sets of captured seminar lectures (Prague 2000/2004) and observations of teaching methods abroad (NTID, University of Bristol, Gallaudet University, Orebro, etc)

Seminar proceedings (Prague 2000/2004)



* And supply these materials to specialized educational institutions in the Czech Republic and worldwide.



What we do – Organize summer schools

Summer schools for our students:

2002 – Gallaudet University, Washington D.C., USA

2003 – Gallaudet University, Washington D.C., USA

2004 – University of Bristol, Great Britain

2005 – University of Bristol, Great Britain

2006 – University of Bristol, Great Britain

2007 – Gallaudet University, Washington D.C., USA

2008 – Gallaudet University, Washington D.C., USA



What we do – Organize summer schools





What we do - Organize ASL and BSL classes

Since 2007 our students have had the opportunity to attend ASL classes regularly.

So far our ASL teachers, who majored in ASL interpreting, have been:



Christopher Chirico



Timothy Curry



What we do - Organize ASL and BSL classes



In the summer term of the academic year 2004/2005 a course on British Sign Language for Czech Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing students, was started by deaf instructor Gordon Hay, a son of deaf Professor John Hay, leading expert on Deaf Issues at the University of Wolverhampton in Great Britain.

A three-year BSL on-line learning program has just been launched to train Czech sign language interpreters.



Important recent events

In October 2006 the LRC hosted a significant meeting of top representatives of the Nippon Foundation and Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing university students.





Important recent events

In April 2007 Dr. Janáková visited Örebro University and Birgitte Special School.





Important recent events

In May 2007 Dr. Janáková had an opportunity to take part in the 122nd academic convocation in Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) which was held on the occasion of awarding academic degrees to the RIT graduates and honorary doctorates to President Bill Clinton and Mr. Yohei Sasakawa.





Important recent events

In May 2008 President of Gallaudet University Dr. Davila arrived to negotiate a future mutual cooperation between the universities. Dr. Davila also met with Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Charles University students.





Main Goals





Main goals

To establish for students with special needs several further educational institutes to bridge secondary and tertiary education;

To open bilingual high schools with Czech sign language;

To encourage more Czech Deaf to become teachers of the Deaf;

To motivate Czech hearing teachers to collaborate more with their young deaf colleagues;

To further educate Czech sign language interpreters with university degrees;



Main goals

To start teaching Czech sign language as a university subject at more Czech universities and colleges;

To set up special career-oriented centres within tertiary level institutions which would be oriented at helping Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing graduates to find suitable jobs;

To find resources for financial support of handicapped students during their university studies;



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