



## KEY INFORMATION ABOUT THE CZECH SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY

### WHAT IS THE CZECH SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY?

The Czech Society of Cardiology (Czech name: Česká kardiologická společnost, z. s.) is a not-for-profit medical and scientific society of expert volunteers in the field of cardiology. It is an independent non-governmental organization. Its members are healthcare professionals involved in the prevention, diagnostics, therapy or research of cardiovascular diseases.

Currently the CSC represents one of the largest medical societies in the Czech Republic incorporating 2486 regular and 80 honorary members (as of July 2019). The CSC is one of the member societies of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC), participating actively to its activities. Many members of the CSC serve as board members in different organs and constituent bodies of the ESC.

The CSC adheres to an Ethical Code of Conduct to ensure objectivity, transparency and integrity.

### OUR BRIEF HISTORY

The Czech Society of cardiology (CSC) is a legacy of the Czechoslovak Society of cardiology founded on

society in the World (after the German and American Society of Cardiology). Its founder and first chairman within 1929 – 1938 was Professor Václav Libenský.

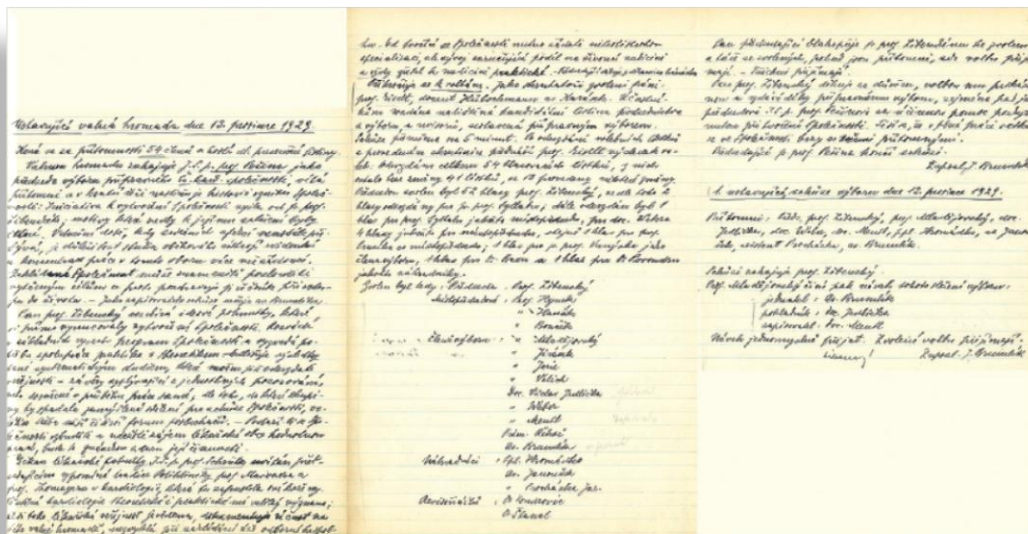
The society became independent in 1991 separating from the Czech Medical Society of J.E. Purkyně. The first elected president serving the independent society was Professor Vladimír Staněk (1990 – 1995). The current president of the Society is Professor Aleš Linhart.

### ALL CARDIOLOGY SUBSPECIALTIES

The Czech Society of cardiology is incorporating a large spectrum of healthcare professional including medical doctors, nurses and technicians involved in cardiovascular medicine and allied professionals.

The activity of the Society covers all cardiology subspecialties through its subspecialty communities including 6 Associations and 11 Working Groups and several ad hoc Task Forces and Platforms. All Working Groups and Associations are organizing their annual meetings and conferences and contribute to the content and organization of the Annual Congress of the Society.

The CSC is governed by an elected Board of volunteer cardiovascular experts supported by the professional bureau. From 1995 the bureau resides in Brno, the second largest city in the Czech Republic located in the South Moravian Region. A



The founding declaration of the Czechoslovak Society of Cardiology from 1929



secondary office is located in Prague.

#### THE CSC MISSION AND AIMS

Our mission parallels the aims of the ESC: advancing the prevention, diagnosis and management of cardiovascular diseases, improving education of healthcare professionals in the field of cardiology and contributing to scientific understanding of the cardiovascular system.

More than fifteen years ago our Society initiated development of the National Cardiovascular Plan which has led to the constitution a comprehensive and mutually collaborating network of Cardiovascular Centers providing a permanent care particularly to patients with acute cardiovascular events but also taking in charge chronic cardiac patients. This activity contributed to an observed decline in cardiovascular morbidity and mortality in the Czech Republic.

Our contribution to the public health was awarded in 2014 by WHO.

#### THE CSC ROLE IN MEDICAL EDUCATION AND CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH

CSC organizes 13 meetings and congresses each year across the main subspecialty areas. The flagship meeting of the Society is the Annual Congress of the Czech Society of Cardiology held from 1997 in Brno. Previous annual meetings were organized in Zlín. The content of our congress covers all aspects of cardiology being conceived by

medical societies. The meeting has an international character. Among others, Slovak Society of Cardiology contributes regularly to its content.

Currently the meeting is attracting more than 3 500 participants and represents the largest national medical conference in the Czech Republic.

Czech Cardiology Days held in Prague represent another important annual event of our Society.

The CSC is organizing or co-organizing several national registries focusing on rare diseases such as pulmonary hypertension or common conditions such as atrial fibrillation.

#### SUPPORTING OUR MEMBERS

The CSC supports the continuous medical education, namely young cardiologists and researchers, by organizing independent educational events and supporting participation of young cardiologists to the ESC annual congresses. Additional digital educational materials are prepared for our members including webinars and resources from different meetings on our website pages Kardio365.

The official journal of our society is *Cor et Vasa*. The journal was founded 1958. From 2012 *Cor et Vasa* is issued six times per year, published in Czech and English in parallel. It contains original research papers, reviews, editorials and abbreviated ESC guidelines. The journal covers all aspects of cardiology, vascular medicine and cardiovascular surgery. The second journal of our society is a fully digital *Cor et Vasa Case Reports*, allowing rapid publication of case reports particularly to young beginning researchers and clinicians.



Associations, Working Groups and other Czech



### CSC Associations and Working Groups

Associations	Working Groups
Czech Heart Rhythm Association	WG on Valvular and Grown-up Congenital Heart Diseases
Czech Association of Cardiovascular Imaging	WG on Myocardial and Pericardial Diseases
Czech Association of Interventional Cardiology	WG on Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy
Czech Heart Failure Association	WH on Cardiovascular Rehabilitation
Czech Association of Acute Cardiology	WG on Pulmonary Circulation
Czech Association of Outpatients Cardiology	WG on Pediatric Cardiology
	WG on Preventive Cardiology
	Kardio 35 (young cardiologists)
	WG on Cardiac Genetics
	KardioTech (technicians in cardiology)
	WG of Cardiology Nurses and Allied Professionals

#### ADVOCATING FOR HEART HEALTH

The CSC is actively contributing to improvements in the quality of healthcare by active negotiations with other stakeholders, namely with insurance companies and the Czech Ministry of Healthcare.

The CSC activity is promoted by the established National Cardiovascular Program supported by the government. In addition the Society is developing preventative programs such as a recent wide anti-smoking campaign “Healthcare professionals against smoking and to help smokers”.

The CSC offers expert insights in several fields by assessments of new medical technologies and drugs, by contributions to legislation changes and by inputs to the continuous medical education legislation.

#### OUR MISSION

Our mission is to reduce the burden of cardiovascular diseases in the Czech Republic and to contribute to the international collaborations through our engagement in the European Society of Cardiology.