

# Foundation's Newspaper

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Dear friends,  
The Foundation's  
Newspaper is again  
full of impressions and  
information. This time  
also from a project that  
has recently become  
one of the Foundation's  
key activities. I consider

the Graceful Ride, the first event of this kind, to be very successful and meaningful. After all, with the help of 250 bikers, we managed to put together a generous amount of funds for the benefit of three boys. Unipetrol Motorcycle Club represented the company's colors with dignity, and Unipetrol volunteers spent a wonderful day at this amazing event, with a smile on their faces. I wholeheartedly thank everyone who participated in the Graceful Ride, because these things are really meaningful. Thank you.

Katarzyna Woś

Chairwoman of the Unipetrol Foundation Board of Directors



Dear friends, I am  
glad that the Unipetrol  
Foundation can  
boast a successful  
project called the  
4EDU Conference,  
which took place  
in October. Through  
this conference, the

first of its kind in the North Bohemia, we managed to create a platform for voicing various opinions about quality education. We managed to bring together experts and outstanding personalities who were able to engage the attention of the conference participants. This was evidenced by the huge interest in afternoon workshops, where demonstrations of good practice and sharing of teaching methods and forms were among the most sought-after. The Sports and Health section was also great. Besides the precise organization of the event, the assistance of the town of Litvínov was also essential. My thanks go to everyone. Thanks to the positive feedback we can only say: Nice job! We are seriously considering the continuation of the conference and look forward to creating its program.

Tomáš Herink

Member of the Unipetrol Foundation Board of Directors

## Student Scientific Conference

The student scientific conference for high school students is organized by the University of Chemistry and Technology, Unipetrol RPA and Unipetrol Research and Education Center UniCRE under the auspices of the Unipetrol Foundation. Representatives of the organizing companies are members of the evaluation committee, which selects the best student works. In addition to the recognition of the expert jury, the authors of the awarded works also receive a financial bonus from the Foundation. A record number of 35 high school students enrolled in 2019 and the announcement will take place on November 21 at the University Center of UCT Prague – Unipetrol.



## Graceful Ride

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## Our North Photo Contest – the Awarded Pictures



## EDU Conference

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# Graceful Ride for the Foundation

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*"We are excited about the number of bikers and other people who have taken part in this charity event. Exactly 108,074 crowns were collected, which we will hand over to the families of the disabled boys in the coming days. We thank both cities, police, all partners and visitors for their support and participation. And also all performers who did not claim a fee. Together they all contributed to creating an incredibly positive atmosphere,"* says Katarzyna Woś, Chairwoman of the Unipetrol Foundation Board of Directors.

The graceful ride, which started in Litvínov, continued across the Bohemian Highlands and returned to the Most sports center Benedikt, was connected with a charity fundraising event for three families with disabled boys. The condition of these boys complicates the normal life of their entire families.

The event was organized by the Unipetrol Foundation, the Verva Litvínov hockey club and Čepro. *"We have been doing biker meetings in Čepro for four years, so this year we welcomed the idea of the Unipetrol Foundation for a joint event supporting those who are not lucky enough to be healthy,"* explains Jan Duspěva, Chairman of the Board of Čepro.

*"A year ago, we set up a transparent account that we called the Account of Our Heart, whose motto is to help where it is needed. That's why we were part of this charity event,"* says Jiří Šlégr, CEO of HC Verva Litvínov.

The funds collected will be fairly distributed to medical care for sick boys whose parents work for either the Unipetrol Group or Čepro. Specifically, one-third of the amount will be given to the family of 13-year-old Roman who has other serious health problems, the second to the family of the mentally handicapped Jan, who is also physically limited, and the last to the family of the six-year-old Svatopluk, suffering from a skin disease called butterfly wing disease.

*"We want to make this charity event a tradition and we are already planning to hold another graceful ride next spring,"* concludes Katarzyna Woś.



# Computer Handover – PC Market

The Unipetrol Foundation continues to implement its PC Market project. After the handover of twenty computers to the children of the Elementary and Nursery School in Meziboří near Litvínov in April, it distributed another forty high-quality refurbished monitors between three schools in Litvínov, Most and Hora Svaté Kateřiny. *"As part of the PC Market project, we want to gradually hand over up to three hundred functional computers used by Unipetrol Group employees to a total of sixteen elementary schools. The aim of our efforts is to improve the technical equipment of schools in the region,"* says Tomáš Herink, a member of the Unipetrol Foundation Board of Directors.

Tomáš Herink, a member of the Unipetrol Foundation Board of Directors, and Julie Růžičková, the Coordinator of the Unipetrol Foundation, handed over 40 amortized but fully functional monitors. They will be enjoyed by the pupils of three schools that have registered for this unique PC Market.

Principal Eva Sekyrková received 14 monitors on behalf of the Special Elementary School and the Practical School in Litvínov, saying: *"We greatly appreciate beneficial*

*projects such as the Unipetrol Foundation's PC Market and express our heartfelt gratitude for the donated computers, which will allow us to modernize our IT classrooms."*

Jitka Nováková, Principal of the Hora Svaté Kateřiny Elementary School and Nursery School, received ten monitors for her school. Sixteen monitors went to the Secondary Technical School in Most, represented by its Principal Karel Vokáč.

*"I am very pleased that our PC Market project has generated great interest among schools in our region. Therefore, on the occasion of the start of the new year, we have prepared forty quality monitors for three schools, which will contribute to improving the quality of computer science education, that is a must in basically every field of human activity nowadays,"* says Tomáš Herink, member of the Board of Directors of the Unipetrol Foundation. Unipetrol Foundation launched the PC Market project this spring.

The Unipetrol Foundation gifts schools with not only computers but also used, yet fully functional and safe,

chemical and laboratory equipment that would otherwise be unavailable to schools because of the high purchase price.



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*"I would like to thank all presenters and listeners for their contribution to the successful course of the whole*

*4EDU Conference, which has taken us a little further in an effort to improve the quality of education not only in our region but throughout the Czech Republic," explained Tomáš Herink a member of the Unipetrol Foundation Board of Directors. The conference was attended by 9 important education experts. For example, the participants heard lectures by the former long-time principal of the prestigious PORG Prague gymnasium Václav Klaus Jr., the Vice-Rector of the UCT Prague Professor Zdeněk Bělohav or the consultant and mentor Radim Valigura. Opportunities for the present school education were discussed by journalist Tomáš Feřtek and*

Jiří Šlégr spoke with Radim Valigura and Filip Šuman about the education of youth connected with sport.

After the lectures, the participants of the 4EDU conference could attend thirty-one afternoon workshops dealing with the topics of children and technology, chemical experiments, science popularization, inspiration for homeroom activities and more. If you are interested in the conference, the Unipetrol Foundation Youtube channel has a video of the live broadcast of the conference as well as a video report.



# Grants and Scholarships

The Unipetrol Foundation awarded pedagogical grants to support innovative ways of teaching at Czech schools worth 440,000 crowns. They were received by a total of nine teachers who defended their above-standard approach to teaching before the Foundation Committee. At the same time, the Foundation presented student scholarships to fifty-one high school and university students worth CZK 1.67 million. The award ceremony took place on October 3, in the Citadela house of culture in Litvínov.

*"We have awarded student scholarships for the third time. This year, for the first time, we added pedagogical grants to support teachers. Adéla Marschallová Rumlerová, a teacher of the Litoměřice Gymnasium, and a student of the University Center in our production facility Michal Dragoun are among the awarded. Both of them are involved in organizing our educational event the Wonderful Day with Chemistry for elementary school pupils and are also working on a number of other noteworthy projects," says Tomáš Herink, member of the Unipetrol Foundation Board of Directors.*

Adéla Marschallová Rumlerová, currently a teacher at the Litoměřice Gymnasium, is convinced that the future of chemistry at Czech elementary and secondary schools is in the hands of teachers. After all, she started studying chemistry precisely because her elementary school teacher managed to arouse her interest in the field. This motive was also behind her decision that she left academia ten years ago to join the elementary school teaching staff with the clear aim of offering children a completely different view of chemistry that would arouse their natural interest in this field. One of the extracurricular activities of Adéla

Marshallová Rumlerová is organizing the Beneficial Science Workshop for children and their parents or grandparents. The proceeds from these popular events go to the treatment of sick children in the area. *"For society to have more people educated in natural sciences, we need high quality and enthusiastic teachers of chemistry, physics, mathematics and biology. It is necessary to show the public that studying these fields is meaningful,"* emphasizes Adéla Marschallová Rumlerová.

Another awardee is Michal Dragoun, a student of Alternative Energy and the Environment at the University Center of UCT Prague in Chempark Záluží near Litvínov. In 2018 he graduated from the Teplice Gymnasium and currently, together with Adéla Marschallová Rumlerová, is a fresh member of the Unipetrol Foundation team, which organizes the educational and entertaining event called the Wonderful Day with Chemistry for elementary school pupils. Michal has always liked subjects such as mathematics, physics, or chemistry at school, and now he is trying to get pupils and students interested in these science, which he finds intriguing and beneficial to study. *"Now we are launching a project of tandem teaching of the subject of chemistry at the elementary school in Meziboří. In the absence of practical experience, this represents a whole new challenge for us. However, I am convinced that thanks to our enthusiasm, background facilities and support from the Unipetrol Foundation, we will meet this challenge successfully. I believe that next year we will be able to present tandem teaching at the next 4EDU Conference as a good example from teaching practice,"* explains Michal Dragoun, an enthusiastic chemistry student.

This year, the Unipetrol Foundation awarded student scholarships to 18 high school students and 33 university students. The total amount of scholarships amounted to CZK 1,670,000, of which CZK 330,000 went to high school students and CZK 920,000 to university students. Further CZK 330,000 were distributed to students nominated by the Livia and Václav Klaus Endowment Fund. Players of the junior team of the HC Verva Litvínov ice hockey club received a total of CZK 90,000. Nine teachers received pedagogical grants totaling CZK 440,000. In total, the Unipetrol Foundation have spent CZK 2,110,000 on student and pedagogical grants in the 2019/2020 school year.



# The Wonderful Day with Chemistry – 2019 overview

Since the beginning, the WDC has been held in cooperation with the Unipetrol Foundation, UCT Prague and UniCRE. All of the above-mentioned partners are equally involved in human resources, working on the event organization, devising new concepts, evaluating past shows and, last but not least, contacting and working with schools where the WDCs are held.

- The total number of students visiting the WDC is 4,240, of which 2,240 visited the WDC in 2019
- Always under the auspices of the hosting town, with the participation of town representatives. In Kralupy it was with the participation of mayors Marek Czechmann and Filip Volák, who held speeches and attended the first half of the event

Year	Month	Town	No. of students
2018	February	Litvínov	400
2018	June	Plzeň	700
2018	November	Most	900
2019	March	Litoměřice	600
2019	June	Plzeň	700
2019	October	Litomeřice	100
2019	October	Kralupy	410
2019	October	Kralupy	430
<b>Total number of students</b>			<b>4240</b>



## WONDERFUL DAY WITH CHEMISTRY

A fun morning called The Wonderful Day with Chemistry took place on October 8 and 9 at the Kralupy Cultural Center. The program full of experiments was attended by 840 elementary school pupils in Kralupy nad Vltavou and Veltrusy in two days. The educational event was organized by the Unipetrol Foundation in cooperation with both towns and with the participation of both mayors, Marek Czechmann and Filip Volák. The program also included a contest with a chemical theme. A 3D printer and a mobile chemical training kit were awarded to the winning teams.

The Wonderful Day with Chemistry took place for the first time in 2017 and since then it has been attended by a total of 4,240 children in the Central Bohemia, Ústí nad Labem and Plzeň regions.



## Proceeds from the Collection from Employee's Day in Litvínov

The traditional Unipetrol Fun Park took place on September 28, 2019. Proceeds from the selling of refreshments worth CZK 8,840 will be donated to Karmel Elementary School to support innovative education. The school will acquire teaching aids for the five grades of elementary school and will support further education of teachers within individual lessons.



## Tours in Chempark Break Records

Schools' interest in tours in Chempark is enormous and nearly 700 students visited Chempark last year alone. UCT Prague and Unipetrol Research and Education Center jointly organize not only tours for schools, but also the student scientific conference and other events in cooperation with the Unipetrol Foundation.

