

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE AND UNIVERSITIES

Conference



PRAGUE AND PARDUBICE, CZECH REPUBLIC

OCT | 13–14th AND 16th | 2025

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MON**

CAROLINUM – HALL OF PATRIOTS, OVOČNÝ TRH 560/5, PRAGUE 1

8.30 am – 8.55 am Presentation of participants

9.00 am – 9.40 am Inauguration

- **Prof. Milena Králíčková**, rector of Charles University, Prague
- **Mgr. Martin Krsek**, member of the Senate of the Czech Republic
- **Prof. François Vellas**, President AIUTA, Toulouse University
- **Assoc. Prof. Pavel Helan**, President U3A Czech Republic, Charles University – Hussite Theological Faculty

9.40 am – 10.30 am **Marek Ďurčanský – The relationship of the Charles University of Prague to the non-academic public over the centuries**

10.30 am – 10.50 am Coffee break /Carolinum, Forehalls, Hall of Patriots/

10.50 am – 12.30 am **International Conference**

- **Roman Prokop**, emeritus President U3A Czech Rep., Tomas Bata University in Zlín: University of the third age in the Czech Republic, CZECH REPUBLIC
- **Alice Košárková**, Palacký University Olomouc – Sts. Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology: Strengthening Data Literacy and Critical Thinking in Older Adults, CZECH REPUBLIC
- **Ghada Sakr**, President AUT Lebanon, **Marcel Hinain**, Director U3A AUT: AIUTA Silk road seminar in Lebanon, LEBANON
- **Raul Diego Rivera**, President Red U3A Mexico, Universidad Marista de Merida, MEXICO
- **Luz Amparo Silva Morín**, UNAL Monterrey, MEXICO, National U3As Symposium México
- **Hana Balzerová**, Faculty of Economics and Management of the Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague since: Virtual University of the Third Age as a Way to Educate Seniors Outside University Cities, CZECH REPUBLIC

12.30 pm – 2.00 pm **Lunch** /Carolinum, Reception Halls on the Ground Floor/

2.00 pm – 5.00 pm **AIUTA 115th GOVERNING BOARD (OPEN)**

- **Pavel Helan**, President U3A Czech Republic, Charles University
- **François Vellas**, President AIUTA, Toulouse University

2.00 pm – 2.30 pm **Presentation of Third Age University Programs**

1. Presentation U3A Program, University Militar Nueva Granada
 - **Henry Acuña Barrantes**, Director de extension y Proyeccion Social, Universidad Militar de Nueva Granada, Bogota, COLOMBIA: La UMNG y los adultos mayores de la región
2. Presentation UMA/UFM Universidade de la Maturidade
 - **Luiz Sinesio Neto**, Coordinator Nacional UMA, Universidade de la Maturidade, UMA/UFM, Palmas (Tocantins), BRAZIL

2.30 pm – 3.15 pm **Presentation International Cooperation Programs I**

3. AIUTA/FIAPA Report on Protection Rights of Older Persons
 - **Albert Evrard**, ITC Toulouse, BELGIUM
 - **Alain Koskas**, President FIAPA, FRANCE
 4. U3A Gerontologic cruise with AIUTA
 - **Nicole Duchel**, President UNITRA Benin, Cotonu, BENIN et Madinina, MARTINIQUE FWI
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5. AIUTA Connect Application

- **Babajide Afolabi**, AIUTA Connect, Toronto, CANADA

3.15 pm – 3.45 pm

Coffee break

/Carolinum, Forehalls, Hall of Patriots/

3.45 pm – 4.15 pm

Presentation International Cooperation Programs I

6. DANET Digital Platform VIMA

- **Carmen Stadelhofer**, President DANET, Ulm, GERMANY

7. Presentation Campus de la Experiència Calonge UIC, EFOS Conference

- **Nadežda Hrapková**, President EFOS, SLOVAKIA, Universities as a support of social inclusion for older adults

4.15 pm – 4.45 pm

Presentation next AIUTA GB 2026

8. Presentation 117th AIUTA GB, September 2026, Italia

- **Fonte Giovanna Maria Fralonardo**, President FEDERUNI, Mola di Bari, ITALY
- **Vittoria Vanzini**, Vicepresident FEDERUNI, Castellanza, ITALY

5.00 pm – 6.00 pm

AIUTA 115th GOVERNING BOARD

/Private session to AIUTA Governing Board Members – Carolinum, Small Hall/

5.00 pm – 5.40 pm

Tour of the Carolinum premises

6.00 pm – 7.00 pm

Cultural program

/Carolinum, Great Hall/

7.15 pm

Dinner

/Carolinum, Reception Halls on the Ground Floor/

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CAROLINUM – HALL OF PATRIOTS, OVOČNÝ TRH 560/5, PRAGUE 1

9.30 am – 10.00am

Inauguration

- **Prof. François Vellas**, President AIUTA, Toulouse University
- **Assoc. Prof. Jiří Vogel**, Dean of Hussite Theological Faculty of Charles University
- **Assoc. Prof. Pavel Helan**, President U3A Czech Republic, Charles University – Hussite Theological Faculty

10.00 am – 10.15 am	U3A in the Czech Republic with a focus specifics at the Hussite Theological Faculty of Charles University • Pavel Helan, President U3A Czech Republic: U3A in the Czech Republic with a focus specifics at the Hussite Theological Faculty of Charles University
10.15 am – 10.30 am	U3A and University at Polytechnic University Valencia • Salomé Cuesta Valera, Vice-rector, Universitat Politècnica de Valencia, SPAIN • Ana Muñoz Gonzalo, Director Universidad Senior, Universitat Politècnica de Valencia, SPAIN
10.30 am – 10.45 am	Third-Age Learners through Community-Based Green Market Initiatives: A Case Study from Khon Kaen, University, Thailand • Chaturapon Sihabutr, Lecturer in Tourism Innovation and Service, Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies, Khon Kaen University, Nong Khai Campus, THAILAND
10.45 am – 11.00 am	U3A and University at University Economic Bratislava • Janka Sebera Chládecká, Director U3A University Economics Bratislava, SLOVAKIA
11.00 am – 11.15 am	U3A and University at Hong Kong Metropolitan University • Crystal Chen, Program Director, University Metropolitan Hong Kong, HONG KONG, CHINA
11.15 am – 11.30 am	U3A and University at University Alicante • Marián Alesón Carbonell, Director Universidad Permanente, Universidad de Alicante, President AEPUM, SPAIN
11.30am – 11.45am	U3A and University in Romania • Violeta Pușcașu, Universite “Dunărea de Jos” Galați: L’échec d’une belle réussite, ROMANIA
11.45 am- 12.00 am	U3A and University in Benin • Juste Lavenir Boko, Secrétaire Général de la Plateforme des organisations de protection et de défense des intérêts des personnes âgées, Université du Troisième Âge du Bénin, Cotonou: Le développement des Universités du troisième âge au Bénin, une solution à l’oisiveté des personnes âgées

12.00 am – 1.30 pm	Lunch	/Carolinum, Forehalls, Hall of Patriots/
1.30 pm – 1.45 pm	U3A and University in Colombia	Gustavo Rodriguez Chacón, Vice Rector UNILATINA, Bogota, COLOMBIA
1.45 pm – 2.00 pm	History at the University of Reims	Patrick Demouy, Université de Reims, FRANCE
2.00 pm – 2.15 pm	U3A and University at University of Málaga	José Jesús Delgado Peña, Director Aula de Mayores 55+m, University of Malaga, SPAIN
2.15 pm – 2.30 pm	U3A and University at University of Barcelona	Carles Buenacasa Pérez and Adriana Peña Bueno, Director Universidad de la Experièn, University of Barcelona, SPAIN
2.30 pm – 2.45 pm	U3A program on Camino del Santo Grial	Montserrat Amorós Coderch, Director Universidad de la Tercer Edad del Alto Palancia, SPAIN
2.45 pm – 3.00 pm	U3A program Erasmus Universidad de la Experiència	Jordi Miralbell Guerín, Director, University International de Cataluna, Calonge, SPAIN Mary Kirkpatrick
3.00 pm – 3.15 pm	U3As in Portugal	Carlos Santos, Director ORD, University of Açores, PORTUGAL, Senior Study Tours international Observation
3.15 pm – 3.30 pm	Manual on Mexican 3rd Age Universities	Gloria Angélica Valenzuela Ojeda, Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, MEXICO
3.30 pm – 3.45 pm	Profile and well-being of the elderly people in the savannah	Henry Acuña Barrantes, Director de extension y Proyeccion Social, Universidad Militar de Nueva Granada, Bogotá, COLOMBIA

3.45 pm – 4.00 pm U3As and Artificial Intelligence

- **Nicolás Juárez Valenzuela**, Instituto Politécnico de Monterrey, MEXICO

4.00 pm – 4.15 pm The teacher's profile for seniors students

- **Diego Raúl Rivera**, President Re3d U3A México, MEXICO

4.15 pm – 4.30 pm Conclusion

5.00 pm Tour of the historic center of Prague

EXCURSION TO KUTNA HORA AND KOLIN

7:30 am Depart by bus from the Hotel International in Prague to Kutná Hora

9:30am Tour of the historical center of Kutná Hora

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Visit a medieval silver mine

12:15 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch

2:15 pm – 3:30 pm Visit the Gothic Cathedral of Saint Barbara

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm Transfer by bus to Sedlec

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Visit the Cemetery Church of All Saints with the Ossuary

5:00 pm Transfer by bus to Kolín, historical center of Kolín

6:00 pm Transfer by bus to Prague

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PARDUBICE

8:20 am	Meeting of the participants at the Hotel International, Prague
8:50 am - 10:00 am	Train transfer to Pardubice
10:30 am	Welcome at the University of Pardubice
10:45 am	Talk on the History of the University of Pardubice
11:15 am	Introducing the system of Education in U3A at University of Pardubice
12:00 am	Lunch
1:00 pm	Sightseeing tour of Pardubice: historical centre and the revitalised brownfield site of the Automatic Mills
4:00 pm	End of the excursion in Pardubice
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Train transfer to Prague