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# Social events and culture

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## **Festivities and meetings**

The faculty organizes ceremonial meetings on the anniversaries of the founding of the faculty and other important dates, such as the anniversary of the Velvet Revolution. Among other social and sporting events, the staff regularly meet for a pre-Christmas party. There is also a long tradition of representative balls of the Faculty of Medicine in HK International students also organise a festive Graduation Night or an event celebrating cultural diversity called Culture Day. The faculty also tries to bridge the Czech and international student community by organizing the Czech and English Meets event. To provide detailed information about possible study abroad trips, the faculty regularly organises a Mobility Night event for students.

### **Representative Ball**

Every year, the traditional Faculty of Medicine Representative Ball is held at the Aldis Congress Centre, organized by the Medical Students Association in cooperation with the Faculty of Medicine. The ball is usually opened with a formal dance and a speech by the Dean. The evening's programme is usually varied and visitors can dance to classical and Latin dances, enjoy a raffle, as well as the traditional midnight surprise in the form of an original dance performance by LF HK students.



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## Graduation Night

International students regularly hold a grand farewell party at the Petrof Gallery.



## Culture Day

Every year, international students of the Faculty of Medicine in Hradec Králové organize Culture Day, a traditional celebration of the cultural diversity of students. This event is organized by the International Student Union at the Faculty of Medicine in HK and aims to introduce the students' home countries and cultures and give an insight into their traditions and national identities. The students, some dressed in traditional clothing, present at their stalls a mixture of unusual national dishes that they and their compatriots prepare together in advance. The stalls are always imaginatively decorated in the national colours, and there is no shortage of flags and items typical of the country. Visitors to the event have the opportunity to taste the dishes, but also learn a lot of interesting cultural and historical information from different parts of the world. At the end of the programme there is usually a cultural insert in the form of dance and music performances.



## Czech and English Meets

Foreign and Czech students can get to know each other during the Czech&English Meets event, which takes place twice a year in the Column Hall in the Na Hradě Gallery and the adjacent seminar room. It is an informal evening get-together for students from foreign and Czech programmes to practise the language and get to know each other. The aim of the event is to make contacts, pass on cultural traditions and improve language skills. The event includes fun quizzes and refreshments.



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## Mobility Night

The aim of the regular Mobility Night event is to introduce students to the possibilities of international mobility within our faculty. The event is held in the Na Hradě Gallery and the adjacent seminar room and is attended by approximately fifty students each year who come to hear papers and presentations on mobility and its funding, recommendations from the coordinators on the best trips to take, and the experiences and insights of older students who have already gone abroad. A new LF HK Mobility brochure, produced in collaboration between ASM and the GZO of LF HK, was launched at the event, which clearly summarises the departure opportunities within our faculty. Of course, students have the opportunity to ask questions about anything they are interested in during the event, including during the informal part of the evening - at the serving of refreshments and listening to the accompanying musical performance.





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## Concerts

Under the banner of the Association of Medical Students at the Faculty of Medicine of the Czech Republic, the students then organise autumn student concerts in November to commemorate the events of 17 November, International Students' Day and the Day of the Struggle for Freedom and Democracy. For the last few years, the concerts have been held in a fundraising spirit, with all proceeds from the entrance fee donated by the students to the treatment of a selected, seriously ill pediatric patient.



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## Exhibitions

The Faculty of Medicine in Hradec Králové contributes to the cultural events in the city by organizing exhibitions of paintings, graphics and photographs by artists from the Hradec Králové region as well as from other regions. Exhibitions have been held since 1990 in the foyer on the 1st floor of the building of the theoretical institutes of the Faculty of Medicine in Šimkova Street and since 2006 mainly in the premises of the Na Hradě building, where the faculty opened the Na Hradě Gallery, an exhibition area in the reconstructed Column Hall.

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