

## Report about Activities of Czech Women in Artificial Intelligence

The professional network of Czech Women in Artificial Intelligence (CWAI) was established in August 2020 with significant support of the U.S. Embassy in Prague, namely the Science Director for Central and Eastern Europe at the Office of Naval Research Global, Dr. Stephen D. O'Regan, who inspired us to set up this professional network. In October 2020, the Ambassador of the United States of America, Stephen B. King, organized a reception in honor of CWAI and hereby officially recognized the establishment of this professional network.

The aim of the CWAI professional network is to promote AI awareness, best practices, and networking among women through various activities, namely through joint events, supporting education and research, including collaborative projects, facilitating talent search, and encouraging diversity and inclusion by promoting women in the field of artificial intelligence. Individual goals of CWAI are primarily defined by the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee comprises members representing academia – Alžběta Krausová (Institute of State and Law, Czech Academy of Sciences), business – Kateřina Anna Magnna (Microsoft), Milena Jabůrková (Confederation of Industry and Trade), and Zuzana Ullrichová (IBM), as well as government – Zlata Straková (Permanent Representation of the CR to the EU).

Since January 2021, Kateřina Anna Magnna has been organizing Monthly Clinic events. These events focus on policy, legal, and technical questions. They typically host an inspirational keynote speaker to support the idea of women's leadership in the AI field and an AI expert speaker on a specialized topic.

In January, Stefan Engeseth spoke about women's leadership, and Barbara Zitová introduced the project AI in art analysis. In February, Samir Nassif talked about why women should be in AI. Eva Martinicová presented labor law questions raised by AI. In March, Vice President of the European Commission for Values and Transparency, Věra Jourová, introduced the EU activities on human-centric AI. Alžběta Krausová spoke about projects on AI, media, and disinformation. In April, Ajša Vodnik gave a motivational speech on how to be authentic and motivate people. Monika Hanych spoke about AI, human rights, and the activities of CAHAI at the Council of Europe. In May, Martina Tauberova presented the Czech view on the regulation of AI in the EU single market. Anne Hakansson shared her thoughts on when we can expect fully autonomous cyber-physical systems in our society.

The CWAI activities are growing and have inspired women in other countries (such as Hungary or Chile) to set up similar professional networks. The current pool of women AI experts amounts to 80 contacts worldwide.

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