

1. Administrative Details

1.1 - Name of National Committee: Czech Committee of the Blue Shield

1.2 - Date Report Completed: 18. 2. 2022

1.3 - Reporting period covered: January 2021 – December 2021

1.4 - Names, positions and emails of all those who were the governing body/ trustees / principal officers on the date the report was approved or who served during in the reporting period:

PhDr. Jana Součková,
chairperson of the Czech Committee of the Blue Shield

Anna Komárková, BBus (Hons)
representative of the Association of the Czech Museums and Galleries
executive officer of the Czech Committee of the Blue Shield

Mgr. Jiří Smitka,
representative of the Czech Archive Society, officer responsible for the CNCBS website content,
PhDr. Vladimíra Hradecká, Czech Archive Society

Mgr. Roman Giebisch,
representative of the Association of Library and Information Professionals of the Czech Republic,
officer responsible for technical support of the CNCBS website

Ing. Pavel Jirásek,
representative of the Czech Committee of ICOM

Mgr. Tomáš Lachman,
representative of the National Film Archive

PhDr. Eva Lukášová,
representative of the Czech Committee of ICOMOS and the National Heritage Institute

PhDr. Hana Nováková
representative of the Galleries Council of the Czech Republic

Mgr. Pavel Šimůnek,
representative of the Department of Archives, Ministry of Interior

Ing. Ivo Štěpánek, Association of the Czech Museums and Galleries

1.5 - Address of the main office:

c/o Asociace muzeí a galerií ČR, Jindřišská 901/5, 110 00 Praha 1

1.6 - Website and social media (if applicable):

<https://www.skipcr.cz/odborne-organy/cesky-komitet-modry-stit>

2. Income:

What is the total income of your committee? What are the primary sources? (Donations, grants, etc?)

Member fees in total volume of 30 000 Kč, ie. approx. 1230 EUR, operated by the Association of Czech Museums and Galleries; CNCBS being a consortium is not a legal entity and under Czech law cannot manage funds.

Occasionally grants for specific projects (operated the same way.)

3. Report of Activities: Achievements & Performance

Explain the activities & projects carried out over the year under the Areas of Activity

The annual report should tell the story of the organisation and put into context what was achieved in the reporting year against the achievement of its longer-term strategy. The annual report under this section should Provide a clear review of the organisation's performance for the relevant year as well showing how the current year's strategic performance links to the achievement of the longer-term strategy of the organisation.

These could include: grants applied for; talks given; conferences held; training courses run; work to support new legislation; working groups attended, etc.

Please provide as much detail as possible – for example, length of event, audience, and so on.

3.1. Activities towards the GA

In January – February renewed preliminary agreements on the organization and financing of the **GA 2021 in Prague** between the Ministry of Culture and the Czech National Committee of the Blue Shield, including also search for further partners, i.e.

Renewed agreement on the organization of GA in the Museum of Applied Arts in Prague
Renewed requests for the patronage of the Czech Committee of UNESCO, Minister of Culture of the Czech Republic, Mayor of Prague

Renewed request for the provision of space for a gala evening at the mayor's residence, and for another event in the premises of the National Film Archive

Renewed catering agreements in UPM, NTM, NFA

Renewed agreement on accommodation in hotels of three categories and on discounts for participants, Provision of guest rooms in related institutions

Renewed excursion agreements for participants and for the ladies program

Meetings and negotiations with responsible officers of the Ministry of Culture, Czech Committee of UNESCO, Head of the Municipality of Prague, Museum of Applied Arts, National Technical Museum.

Cancellation of agreements after the covid-19 pandemic culminated in March-April 2021, national committees expressed doubts about their ability to travel abroad, Czech authorities set limits on incoming visitors, and the BS committee decided to bring GA meeting to the online environment. In order to offer at least some support for the GA event, Czech Committee of the Blue Shield provided and paid for the screening of the documentary film *Destruction of Memory* on 12 - 13 December 2021 for registered participants. CC BS in cooperation with Association of the Museums and Galleries of the CR has prepared a printed Czech thematic edition of the AMG Bulletin and a special issue of the BS Newsletter on the history, scope and activities of BS and on CC BS measures in favor of cultural heritage in the Czech Republic (English, online).

3.2 - Education, training, and capacity building:

Series of **lectures on new trends in cybersecurity**.

Safe behavior of memory institutions in cyberspace

Postponed to 2021 had to be postponed once more.

We would like finally to hold further lessons live, so we are planning them in the fall of 2022.

3.3 - Proactive protection and risk preparedness:

Cooperation on the translation of The **Manual on preventive measures and rescue work in emergency and afterwards**; it has been translated into Polish and published in cooperation with the Polish Committee of ICOM in 2021 in Warsaw.

3.4 - Emergency response in disaster, domestic emergencies, and armed conflict:

Assistance was offered to communities severely affected by the tornado in southern Moravia in June 2021. According to the representatives of the communities concerned, the damage to the cultural heritage sites was smaller than to everything around and the municipalities were able to rehabilitate them themselves. They found it necessary to pay attention to the completely destroyed private houses and infrastructure first.

3.5 - Stabilisation, post-disaster recovery, and long-term/ongoing support:

Measures as required.

3.6 - Co-ordination (of Blue Shield and with other relevant organisations):

Contacts with the members of the CNCBS board via e-mails and online consultations.

Discussions with the chair of the Slovakian Committee of ICOM and with the competent member of Slovakian parliament on establishing the National committee of the Blue Shield in Slovakia.

Cooperation with the Polish Committee of ICOM.

Cooperation with the Association of Museum in Slovakia.

Close cooperation with boards of the member organizations of the Blue Shield.

Representation and promotion of the aims of the Blue Shield in the Czech Committee for cooperation with UNESCO.

4. Main issues faced:

What are the main issues faced by your committee?

Organization of the Extraordinary General Assembly of the Blue Shield and finally cancellation it.

5. Future goals

Describe future plans to achieve strategic goals

Continue the current settled goals

Seeking close cooperation with Czech partners of the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and with the CPP unit in the headquarters of the Czech Army.

6. Other

Through its connection to Newcastle University, BSI is sometimes able to access funding that can be shared with research institutions to further the work of Blue Shield. Does your national committee have any connections with research institutions interested in its work (e.g. in risk management, heritage protection, etc.). If yes, please supply the names and contact details here.