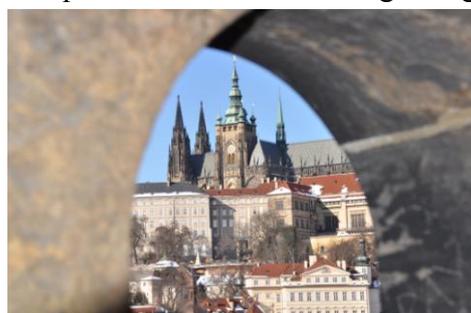


Conference Venue

The joint International Workshop on **Computational Intelligence for Multimedia Understanding (IWCIM)** and **Advanced Methods of Biological Data and Signal Processing (BIODAT)** will be held inside the Strahov Monastery in Prague, Czech Republic, October 29-30, 2015.

Prague is sometimes called “The Mother of Towns”, “The Golden City“, or “The City of Hundred Spires“. These are just a few of the many attributes that the Czech metropolis located above the river Vltava has earned for itself. Visitors of Prague admire now many architectural monuments of all styles including romanesque, gothic, baroque, renaissance, cubist and modern architecture. Moreover, visitors of Prague can enjoy both its rich cultural life including many galleries, art collections, museums, concert halls, theatres as well as quiet gardens.

The area of Prague was settled as early as in the Paleolithic age. In the 2nd century BC the Celts had a settlement in the south, called Závist, later they were replaced by Germanics and in the 4th century AD the Slavs conquered the site. According to legends, Prague was founded by Libuše and her husband, Přemysl, founder of the dynasty of the same name. According to the latest archaeological research the first foundations of the Prague castle date back to the 9th century. While this castle dominated the left bank of the river Vltava another castle, Vyšehrad, was erected on the opposite bank of the river. The location of Prague in the centre of Europe affected mostly its development owing to important merchants’ interests. Soon the city became the seat of Kings of Bohemia, and some of them later reigned as emperors of the “Holy Roman Empire”. The development of the whole area was probably mostly affected in the 14th century during the reign of



Charles IV with many extensive building activities, creation of the Prague Archdiocese and foundations of the Charles University in 1348. Another extensive development of art, architecture and science is related to activities in the 17th century, the reign of Rudolf II and the foundation of the oldest Institute of Engineering in the Central Europe in 1707 known later as the Czech Technical University. After the First World War, followed by the breakdown of the Austrian Empire in 1918, Czechoslovakia has been created and in 1993, Czech Republic started to exist as an independent country.



The conference will be held inside the Strahov Monastery close to the Prague Castle with the wonderful panorama of Prague over the river Vltava with many steeples and towers of churches, cathedrals, palaces, and the ancient buildings of the nearby historic centre.



Social event will be held inside the Strahov Monastery as well and it will include a concert of student Jazz Band conducted by Václav Harmáček. Conference participants will also enjoy historical library of Strahov Monastery and its picture gallery.



The highlights of IWCIM 2015 Technical program are definitely four plenary lectures presented by Sanei Saeid, Joan Lasenby, Danilo Mandic and Jonathon Chambers. Special sessions and the separate lectures will cover topics related to interdisciplinary areas of multidimensional and multichannel signal processing with biomedical applications and data fusion. The complete Technical Program will be coordinated by Prof. Jonathon Chambers from the Newcastle University, UK.