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Dear colleagues,
we would like to invite you to a scientific conference,
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“National and Cultural Identity of Czech Minorities in Ukraine in the 19th–21st Centuries in Movable Cultural Heritage of Czech Republic“

Volhynian Czechs through the Centuries

The conference takes place in Prague on October 21, 2026 in the Building of the National Archives, Archivní 2257/4, Prague 4. We accept contributions describing given topic in the whole of its scope.

The Czechs, who settled in the territory of the original Volhynian Guberniya during the 19th century, made a significant contribution to the development of the region, including by maintaining a high cultural level as well as a connection with their native homeland.

In a fertile but also troubled country, they lived through a series of historical events, from World War I, through the interwar division of Volhynia between Poland and the Soviet Union, to World War II and the tragedies it brought. After the war, the most of Czech compatriots decided to leave their existing home and return to Czechoslovakia, where they faced further challenges. Although this larger Czech minority lived on Volhynia for approximately only a century, it was so significant and interesting in character that it still offers further possibilities for research and new interpretations. The intention of the conference is thus to present some of the sub-aspects connected with the history of Czech settlement on Volhynia from its beginning to the present day.

Organisers are counting on the publication of a collective monograph from contributions of this conference.

The deadline for sending applications and abstracts is 31 March 2026. We accept applications of conference participants without contributions until the end of September 2026. More detailed information will be sent to interested persons during April. The organisers reserve the right to select contributions. On behalf of the organisers, they look forward to working with you PhDr. Lenka Kločková, ThDr. Mgr. Šárka Steinová, Th.D.

Please register for the conference via e-mail to Bc. Roman Štér: roman.ster@na.gov.cz