

THE LIFE SCIENCES FILM FESTIVAL 2014 TO SHOW HOW GREEN TECHNOLOGIES ARE TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Prague, Czech Republic – September 17, 2014 – How do microbes control our body? To raise or to grow meat? Can fungi save the world? Where will our energy come from? Where does the road out of the city begin? These are the main topics of this year's international documentary film festival on life sciences and sustainable development. The festival has a total of 169 registered films from 31 countries. The admission to the festival is free of charge not only for students, but for the public too.

The fourth Life Sciences Film Festival (www.lsff.cz) will take place between October 13 and 17, 2014 at the Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague in the university campus in Prague – Suchbát (Kamýčká 129). A total of 39 films will compete for the Main Festival Award, for the Ministry of Agriculture Award, for the awards of individual faculties and the Students' Award. The winners will be announced during the evening ceremony on Wednesday, October 15.

This year's festival has announced five main topics. For each topic there will be screenings of films on the topic and relevant lectures, seminars and accompanying events:

How do microbes control our body? The topic concerns the microbial balance in the human body and in nature, the problem of birth in relation to the immunity of organisms etc.
Selected films: Microbirth; The War Against Microbes; Probiotics; The Gut, Our Second Brain

To raise or to grow meat? The topic points to the newest experiments with growing meat from germ cells.
Selected films: In Vitro Meat Soon to Be Served?; Food, Inc; Bush Pig

Can fungi save the world? The topic focuses on the use of the properties of fungi, which can help in environmentally friendly industrial production, lessening the consequences of pollution, simulation for the purpose of communication network improvement etc.
Selected films: Super Fungi, Will Mushrooms Help Save the World?

Where will our energy come from? Besides the theme of electromobility the festival will offer a reflection on possible sources of electricity.
Selected films: Switch; Urine Superpowers

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Where does the road out of the city begin? The topic reflects the growing interest of young people in the quality of food and gastronomy, growing, composting and social repercussions of agricultural issues (urban gardening, guerrilla gardening etc.).

Selected films: Brooklyn Farmer; Growing Cities; Food Markets: In the Belly of the City; Foodsavers.

The festival also incorporates accompanying events. At the moment the following have been confirmed:

- Roman Vaněk and František Kšána Jr.: Přeštice pig product roasting on a grill (Kšána), presentation of the “Food, Ltd.” programme (Vaněk), cutting a pig from Přeštice into pieces in a lecture room (Kšána and Vaněk together)
- SlowFood Prague: Honza Havaš Chef show entitled “What you can make on the little hotplate in the student halls of residence” (see https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Be_NURFQMY4), recycleblock (making objects out of used materials)
- Kokoza: DIY vermicomposter (worm composter) from waste material

The Life Sciences Film Festival is organised by the Czech University of Life Sciences together with the Harvest Films civic organisation. The festival will take place at the CULS for the fifth time this year. Each year in October since the preliminary year, it has been presenting over a hundred documentaries accompanied by dozens of forums with scientists and filmmakers, presentations, exhibitions, degustations and concerts.

CULS is the third largest university in Prague. It combines a hundred year tradition with latest technologies, progressive science and research in the fields of agriculture, wood sciences, ecology, technology as well as economics and management. Modern, well-equipped labs with state-of-the-art base including school farms provide excellent education with the possibility of personal development and participation on scientific projects at home and abroad. CULS provides complete university education, summer schools, special courses, university of the third age.

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