

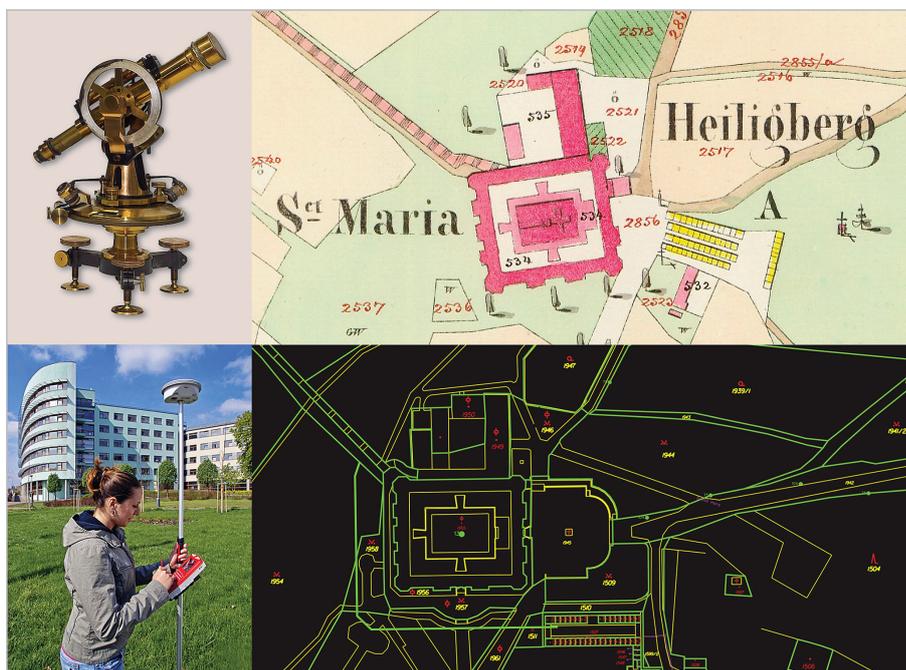
Czech Republic

Joint anniversary celebrations in the Czech Republic

In 2018, the Czech Republic celebrated 100 years since the establishment of independent Czechoslovakia, whilst also marking the 25th anniversary of the land surveying and cadastre branch.

To commemorate the transfer of the cadastral system of Austria-Hungary, as well as the start of a new chapter in land surveying for the newly established state, a special publication was issued for a conference dedicated to the centenary. As well as mapping the historical development of geospatial activities in the public interest and the institutional arrangements of previous similar civilian spheres, this also included professional biographies of prominent personalities who have contributed to land surveying activities.

The Czechoslovakian cadastre was built in 1918 on a functioning system of land books and cadastre but required modernisation and unification to benefit the new state. However, the Second World War disrupted this successful process, and bankruptcy continued practically until the early 1990s. In 1993, after the establishment of the independent Czech Republic, a long-term concept was adopted which



combined the digitisation of records of ownership and other material rights with cadastral maps in one database – a process which required the control and compilation of data from different sources.

This process, including digitisation of cadastral maps which progressed relatively slowly, was successfully completed in 2017. It ensures easy access to information on real estate, smooth and rapid registration of rights in the real estate cadastre, and promotes the use of cadastral information in geoinformation systems of public administration. The system benefits both the public and the entire state administration for which the information provided by the land surveying and cadastre branch is reliable, up-to-date and easily accessible.

Today, the land surveying and cadastre branch is working on completing another long-term task; the accuracy and timeliness of the cadastre and land surveying products to promote the quality of authoritative data so that it is the first choice for professionals, as well as the general public. It is also linking its information system with other sources of data to increase the quality and timeliness of the outputs provided.