Press release:

**J. Felkl & son, Globe factory**

**Date: 5. 5. - 30. 11. 2017 Monday - Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.** (admission free)

Globes in the map Collection of the Faculty of Science of Charles University, every Wednesdy 9 a.m. – 5.p.m. (paid admission)

Venue: Foyer of the Map Collection of the Faculty of Science of Charles University, Prague

Organizer: the Geographical section of the Faculty of Science of Charles University and Museum of Central Bohemia in Roztoky u Prahy

The exhibition presents a family firm J. Felkl and Son, which had been active in Roztoky by Prague for nearly 100 years. This the largest Austro-Hungarian company produced unbeatably the best globes in 8 sizes, 10 versions and 17 world languages. They also printed the first globes in national languages, not only in Czech but also in Hungarian and Polish. They were holders of two patents for special folding globes. They also offered special instruments such as telluria, sololunaria, planetaria and armillary spheres. They exported both to Europe and overseas. Their globes were appreciated in many of the world´s (Paris, Vienna) and national exhibitions (Prague). Austro-Hungarian Ministry of Instruction ordered that their globes become the teaching aid. Besides the family and the firm there will be also introduced the foremen and workers, domestic and foreign authors of the firm, but particularly their globes in different language versions, telluria, printing stones, original instructional brochures and also original period advertisements.

The exhibition will be accompanied by video presentation.

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*Accompanying programme:*

* within the Prague Museum Night on 10th June there will be guided tours (7 p.m. – 12 a.m.), possibility to book in advance at: hyndrakm@natur.cuni.cz
* guided tours at the exhibition on Wednesdays: 26th July, 13th September, 18th October always at 2.p.m.