

The goal of the work is to present the founding, the relatively short history, and the organization of the Learned Society of the Czech Republic. Elaborating the creation and development of an important institution connected with science and scholarship, one that participates in the life of contemporary society, including an understanding of this group's historical roots, could contribute to the overall view of the formulation and the perpetuity of scientific potential and institutional fundamentals in the Czech Republic.

The Learned Society of the Czech Republic was founded on 10 May 1994 at a ceremonial session in Prague's Carolinum with the signing of the "Declaration of the Learned Society of the Czech Republic." The first part of my work focuses on the driving forces that led to the founding of the Society. In the "Declaration" the Society aligned itself with the traditions of the Royal Czech Society of Sciences, and for this reason I present basic information regarding this predecessor to the newly founded Learned Society of the Czech Republic. The Royal Czech Society of Sciences was founded in the second half of the 18th century. I then briefly address another significant society, the Czech Academy of Arts and Sciences, which was created with substantial assistance from benefactor Josef Hlávka. It is also not possible to omit mention of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, founded in 1952.

Nevertheless, I have focused on the founding, traditions, and current activities of the Learned Society of the Czech Republic from its creation to the end of 2006.