Press release

E-Conference „COVID-19 - Changes in Society Before and After“, 2nd July, 2020 from 10:00-12:00 MET

The *Health Care Committee of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic* and the *Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the Czech Republic* organized an international e-Conference with the topic „COVID-19 - Changes in Society Before and After“ for Health Care Committees and Ambassadors all around the world with the purpose of sharing information about the current state of the virus, its progress, and of international cooperation. The conference was hosted by prof. MUDr. Věra Adámková, CSc. Chairwoman of the Health Care Committee and was under the auspices of Mgr. Radek Vondráček, President of the Chamber of Deputies.

After introduction, the word was given to the Minister of Health Care of the Czech Republic, **Mgr. et Mgr. Adam Vojtěch**, who addressed the actual state of the virus in the country, restrictions that have been taken, and its loosening to this date. Afterwards, **prof. MUDr. Adámková, CSc**. presented the actual situation of the virus in the Czech Republic, followed by a presentation by **prof. RNDr. Ladislav Dušek, Ph.D.**, director of the Institute of Health Information and Statistics, with the statistical development and changes over time. The Government Plenipotentiary for Health Science and Research, **prof. MUDr. Roman Prymula, CSc., Ph.D.**, focused on the overall coordination of issues of science and research in health care in regards with COVID-19.

The e-conference had three main topics: „Specification of the course of the epidemic in other countries”, “Epidemiological data - epidemiology, diagnosis, treatment”, and “International cooperation during the COVID-19 pandemic”.

During the conference, the invited guests had the opportunity to share their experience and development with the virus. Contributions have been made by **Ms Gabriella Selmeczi, MP**, (Hungary), **H.E. Mr. Luís de Almeida Sampaio** (Ambassador of Portugal), the **representative of the Minister of Health Care of the Sverdlovsk region in Russia**, **H.E. Ms. Viktoria Li** (Ambassador of Sweden), **Jana Shaw, MD, MPH, MS** (USA), **Dr.phil. Jakub Novák** (Representative of the Czech Ambassador H.E. JUDr. Ivana Červenková, in Austria), **H.E. Jukka Pesola** (Ambassador of Finland), and **Dr. Srdan Matic** (WHo Representative and Head of WHO Country Office in Czech Republic).

Participants of the e-conference were the representatives of *Brazil, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom*, and the *USA*. Representatives of the Czech Republic located in *Austria, Belgium,* and *Serbia* also attended the conference and contributed to the topic.

Presentations can be found enclosed.