

20. Years of FEBS Practical Crystallization Courses at the University of South Bohemia

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The abstract introduces an example of the internationalization strategy at the University of South Bohemia in Ceske Budejovice by highlighting good practices in leveraging EU Societies supporting teaching and research through advanced practical courses.

Twenty years ago, the University of South Bohemia in Ceske Budejovice (Czech Republic) hosted its first FEBS practical crystallization course. Since its inception in October 2004, the FEBS Advanced Course on Macromolecular Crystallization has become a distinguished event, attracting students, postdocs, and lecturers. Covering scientific lectures, the course includes hands-on practical exercises, fostering close interaction between participants and teachers. Supported by the Federation of European Biochemical Societies (FEBS) since 2004, this biennial course has succeeded despite challenges, including the pandemic. The ninth course took place in August 2021, and the tenth-anniversary edition ran from June 9 to June 15, 2024. The course's impact extends globally as participants apply their newly acquired knowledge and skills in their home laboratories.

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