

National Report Czech Republic Spring 2017

The economics in CZ are in good condition, GBP is growing, unemployment is getting down. The National Bank stopped its interventions against the Czech Crown started three years ago and the currency is getting stronger. We see nearly only positives in our business for the next future.

Of course, the main activities of CMZS (Czech Association of Mechanical Locking Systems) in the last months were orientated to the organisation of the ELF Convention 2017 which will be held this year in Prague and which is also supported by the City of Prague (further please find under www.elf2017.com).

For this purposes there was established a coordination committee of the CMZS and Guarant International (www.guarant.cz), which is a professional agency for organizing congresses in central and eastern Europe. This committee works on details of the organisation and program of the Convention, it is in contact with the sponsors and take steps for national and international promotion of the event.

But there are, of course, other activities.

Many years ago in Lillehammer we have presented our project „Safe County“, which was oriented to the endcustomer to buy only certificated products, and which was supported by the involved departments of Ministry of Interior and the Municipal Police. This project is actually running very well.

In connection with the actual risks of terror for example in schools CMZS was an active member of the standardisation committee, which supported a special standard for safety in schools – every school should be provided with a mechanical MKS, to have control about the keys, and – every cylinder should have a knob on the inside. Simply to lock the door from the inner side, if there is a danger on the out.

CMZS established for further purposes in this topic a specialized „Association Safe School“, where CMZS and involved departments of Ministry of Interior are the members. Activities of this Association is to participate on special meetings with schools and on specialized conferences. Some points of the Conference at the Convention 2017 in Prague will follow this topics.

From CMZS there were also activities in direction of establishment of a locksmiths association in Slovakia. With support of the president of CMZS, there was organized a coordination committee of the Slovak association and the statute was given to registration by the authorities.

Looking forward to see you all in Prague in May!

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