

Workshop on natural hazards attracted sixty experts to the Academy of Sciences, Prague

More than sixty experts from the Czech Republic attended workshop held in the main building of the Czech Academy of Sciences in Prague on 3.12.2015. It was dedicated to appealing topic of „Natural hazards around us – opinions of European experts on natural and social environment changes“. The audience included not only experts from field of Earth Sciences but also professionals from civil protection, local governments, private companies and member of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic. The lecturers were focused on landslides, debris flows, rock falls and their negative impacts on society.

The workshop was organized by Institute of Rock Structure and Mechanics CAS (IRSM CAS) within the **research program “Natural hazards” included to „Strategy AV21“** which is „dedicated to deliver the latest research results to the involved experts and public including civil protection, state and local administration and potentially affected inhabitants“, explained **coordinator of the research program and** director of the IRSM CAS, Dr. Josef Stemberk. He also stressed the urgency of the discussed topic: „Hand in hand with climate change are increasing weather extremes which threaten lives and properties of inhabitants claiming for reliable and feasible solutions.“

The lectures were presented by:

Prof. Thomas Glade, Vienna University, Austria

Dr. Fausto Guzzetti, director of the Research institute for geo-hydrological protection CNR, Italy

Dr. Paola Reichenbach, researcher at the Research institute for geo-hydrological protection CNR, Italy

Dr. Jan Blahůt, researcher at IRSM CAS